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doesn't it?

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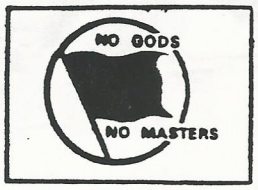

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WEATHER REPORT

So here's #7, two weeks or so late, but whattaya want? We operate on Anarchist Time after all....

It seems that the whole world is just bustin' at the seams right now, so this issue has more action reports than usual and a bit less personal rants cuz we been busy. We'll return to our regularly scheduled deprogramming next issue.

We're still hurting for good original artwork and graphix, so if ya got some send it our way. We also drool about getting action reports and hot news items, especially from other countries.

We have it in mind next issue to start a Midwest Regional Anarchist Scene Report section, or sumthang like that, with short but electric little @-scene blurbs from cities all over the Midwest. So if you live in Cincinnatti, Detroit, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Madison, Indianapolis, Bloomington, St. Louis, etc. etc., drop us a line on your activities. Even small-towns with 2-person "scenes" are encouraged to write us. The reasons for this are twofold: 1) To foster regional communication and cooperation so we can work together more effectively and seize the Midwest around 93 or so, and 2) With the eventual aim of turning this section into a Midwest U.S. A-Infos Bulletin to put together every 3 months or so and and send out to anarchists all over the world. Your reports do not have to focus strictly on anarchist activities, but any news of note to radicals or with liberating potential would be great, too.

Sprite & Jacinto's squatting series does not continue this issue because they've been involved with other people in actually opening up a squat! Quite frankly, it's about fucking time. If you're interested in providing squat support, drop us a squiggle.

Finally, we don't have a political statement, manifesto, etc. and we don't all agree, so if you're not quite sure what this anarchy stuff is all about we highly encourage you to find out yourself! You can also write and ask for an opinion of course, which one of us will usually give, but anarchism has a lot to do with self-reliance, and if we had a motto it would be:

"Don't Liberate Me, I'll Do It Myself!"

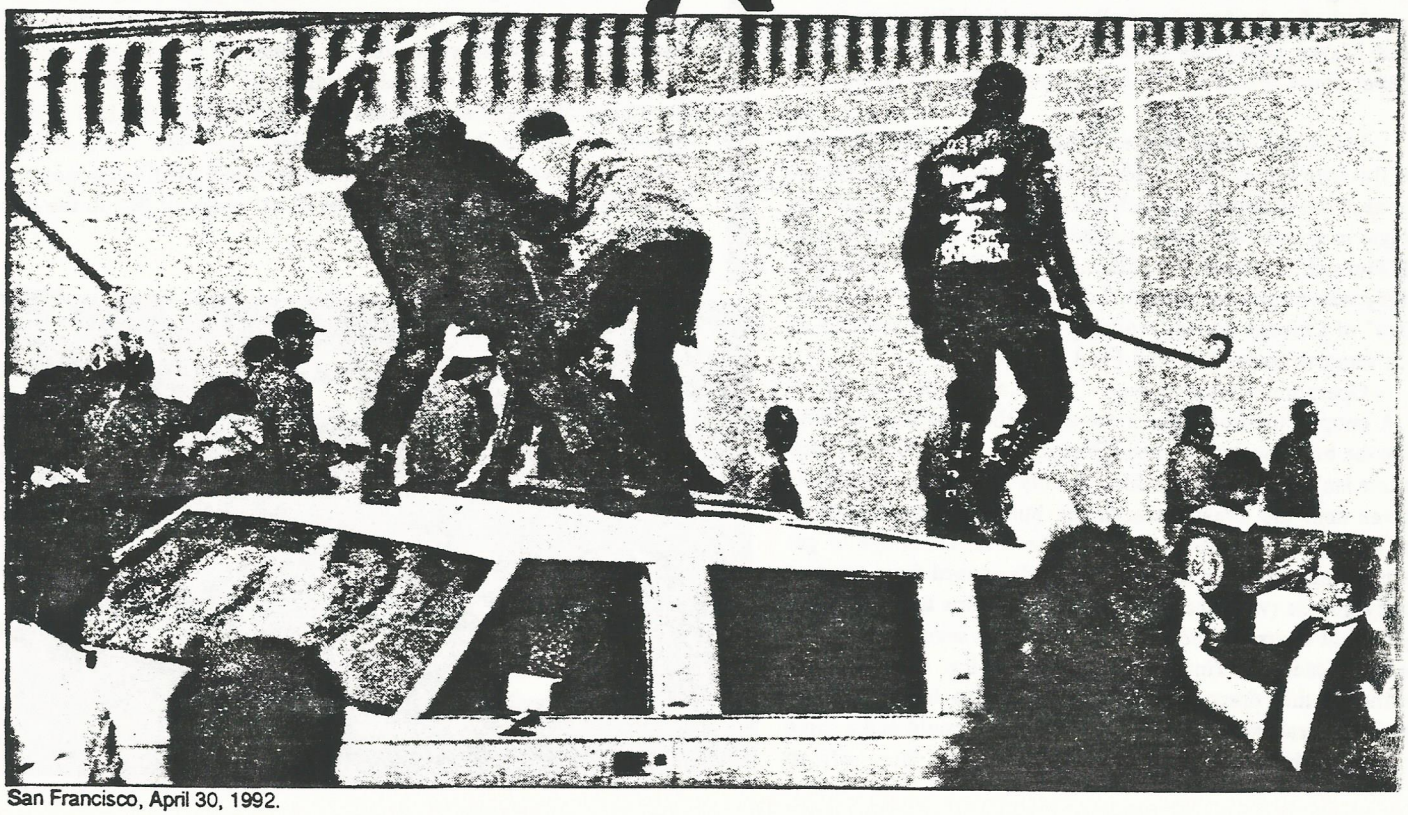
DEDICATION

This issue of Wind Chill Factor is dedicated to the truce between the Los Angeles street gangs, the Crips and the Bloods. In the heat of the L.A. revolt over the Rodney King verdict, these two rival gangs joined together to strike back at the police and the government together. In the wake of the riots, their truce has held, much to the horror of the media and police. Instead of celebrating an end to senseless violence, the truce has been portrayed negatively, partly due to the ongoing attempt to criminalize gangs and gangmembers, and partly because of the threat politicized gang activity and violence is to the authorities.

For a country built on the backs of slaves, where racism has remained institutionalized and a way of life, and where a War on Drugs is an excuse for increasing police action in poor communities, it is only logical that the government seeks to demonize gangs and portray them as organized criminal institutions. While it cannot be denied that many gangs are organized and are involved in "anti-social" activity (especially when such activity means instant good money, as opposed to the ultra-exciting alternative of flipping burgers), gangs also serve as a sort of extended family, especially for many inner-city kids whose family situation is unstable and the social structure is deteriorated. A gang provides a network of friends who will look out for each when it seems no one else will. Yet law enforcement manuals and outlooks usually define gangs in ways that make it convenient to criminalize them and thereby justify direct attacks and harassment. Take this excerpt from the Schaumburg Police Department gang-fighting manual: "The law enforcement community defines a gang as an organized group with a recognized leader and underlings...its activities are largely criminal in nature or otherwise threatening to the community/society at large"(p.3). In the book People and Folks (one of only a few research efforts on gangs), by John Hagedorn, past research on gangs and police attitudes are ripped for being narrow and focused on criminalization: "Gangs are treated as a major criminal problem and their members dehumanized as no more than aspiring "career criminals". Where data exists to support these stereotypes, it often consists of generalizations in the media from the acts of a few to all "hard core" gang members. The fact that gangs today are overwhelmingly minority and most police departments overwhelmingly white, allows for racism to contribute to these stereotypes and results in even greater hostility on the street" (p.106). It is much easier to jail gang members and get them out of sight than to deal with the social conditions that produce gangs.

When gangmembers no longer fight each other but unite and turn their sights on the system of oppression, the state's response is usually fierce and violent. In the 60s and 70s quite a few street gangs became politicized and turned their efforts both towards rebuilding their communities (with medical centers, immunization shots, soup kitchens, providing clothes and shelter, etc.) and defending them from an increasingly offensive police presence, often through armed self-defence. Groups like the Young Lords (a Puerto Rican gang), the Blackstone Rangers, the Young Patriots, and even the Black Panthers took radicalizing the youth, self-organization, and community aid to new levels, until they were decimated by internal problems and the state's response. Dozens of them were jailed or murdered by the police and FBI. The government has shown no mercy and consistently used extralegal means to destroy any significant revolutionary political developments in communities of oppressed nationalities.

Examples like the Young Lords truly show what revolutionary potential youth gangs do have. In Germany, the Antifa Gentschliche has organized the Turkish youth gangs to be politically directed and engage in fighting the rise of fascism (which often means confronting fascists directly in the street, usually resulting in hurt fascists running from the martial arts



San Francisco, April 30, 1992.

expertise of the Turkish youth!), with great success. The climate is now right in Amerikkka for streetgangs to again become politically oriented, and the Crips-Bloods truce is but the first sign.

The government's response has of course been immediate and almost overwhelming. Almost every aspect of the riots in L.A. and Chicago have been blamed on shadowy gangmembers. Despite the video footage of families looting and multiracial resistance to the police state, listening to the press you'd think the streetgangs alone are responsible for every single murder, arson, and looted item. You can be sure however, that some gangmembers (and politicos and others...) took advantage of the situation. The theft of 4000 to 6000 guns from over 29 gun stores in L.A., the loss of over 200 police uniforms from looted dry cleaners, the damage or destruction of three state parole offices and their records, and leaflets urging gangmembers to kill cops instead of each other, put the LAPD into a screaming panic, as well it should have. The gangs have finally stopped doing Big Brothers work for him, and have gotten together and turned the guns around, and they know who the real enemy is.

In Chicago a major offensive on gangs has been launched in several parts:

--Paint Ban: The City Council recently made the sale of spraypaint and broad-tipped markers illegal within city limits, a measure which is supposed to "significantly deter" gang and tagger (and other) graffiti. Already it was illegal to sell spraypaint to a minor, and carrying paint or marker "with intent to deface" provided a convenient open-ended law that police could hassle people with. Well since shoe polish is also a popular means of graffitti, that could be next, unless a court case by paint companies challenging the law succeeds.

--Anti-Loitering Law: The ever-wise City Council has also pushed a law through that gives the pigs broad powers of harassment by letting them bust any group of two or more people hanging out on the street for loitering, when at least one of those people is "known" to have gang affiliations. The specifications for "known gang affiliation" are supposed to be extremely narrow, but according to Harvey Grossman of the Illinois ACLU, could be interpreted to include "members of ACT UP, Operation Rescue, Earth First! or Greenpeace" [according to In These Times]. So much for using the streets in the Land of the Free. This law is, of course, entirely for the benefit of all us good (white) citizens out there, and Mayor Daley has assured us that the Chicago Police would never abuse this law. Chicago cops? Abuse their power? Never!

--FBI Gang Task Force: According to the Chicago Tribune, this is to bring "more sophisticated surveillance techniques and increased law enforcement technology" into the War on Drugs (and gangs) as part of the FBI's nationwide Safe Street Initiative. Kenneth Piernick, supervisor of Chicago's task force, is quoted as saying they will be putting the sights on and going to "work on the leadership" of Chicago gangs, probably much like they worked on the Black Panther leadership with Fred Hampton.

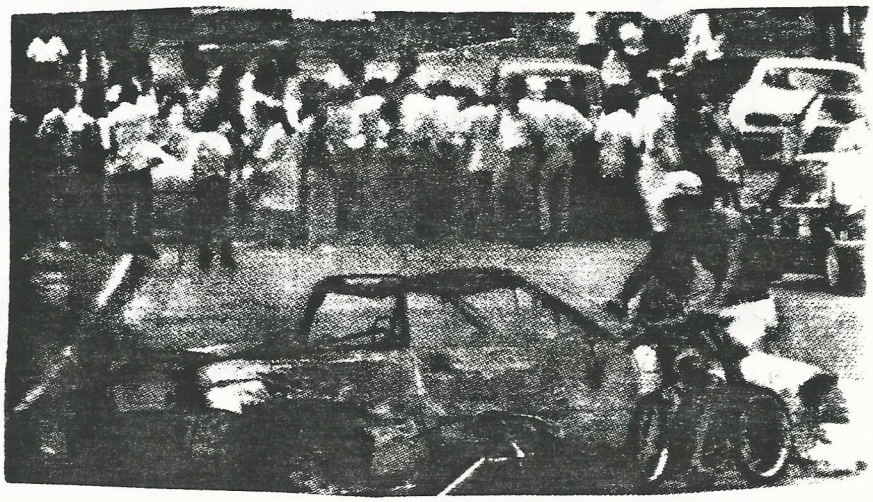
--Operation Clean Sweep: What a police state is all about. A couple hundred cops show up in the projects one day, lockdown the building, search and ID everyone, kick out everyone who's name isn't on their lists (which usually means forcing friends & relatives onto the street), search the building room by room (without warrants), require everyone to have an ID badge to get into the building, and keep the building under guard from then on by security guards (who are often convicted felons and who have in the past shot unarmed people in the back and sexually harassed and raped women). Vince Lane, head of the CHA, is the mastermind of this draconian plan. Vince also happens to be involved in the real estate business, and probably could make some money by clearing out the projects and selling them off to developers.

These drawings, from the Schaumburg police gang handbook, are a good example of how police view gangmembers. Stereotypical? Realistic? You decide.

--Deportation: 41 suburban cities are now collaborating with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to use deportation as a "gang-fighting tool". Since October of 91, over 870 immigrants (legal and illegal) arrested in the suburbs for "gang-related" crimes have been turned over to the INS for deportation hearings. INS agents are given access to police files, given offices, and often ride around with detectives. Of course, this "tool" is not at all arbitrary or affected by racism. That's why the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund has received numerous complaints from people who have been stopped and harassed by INS agents solely on the basis of their looks.

All this plus legislation that will allow police to seize vehicles used to transport guns, amounts to a police state for poor communities and people of color. The illusions that hide the true nature of a society based on force are stripped away when that society approaches problems produced by social-economic conditions not with education or community involvement, but through outright criminalization and force justified by dehumanization and stereotypes. In light of this, the L.A. Crips-Bloods truce is both a good sign that the revolutionary consciousness of streetgangs is growing, and a justified response to a society of exploitation. We hope to see more of this in the days to come...

by Sprite



LOVE MAIL

CONSPIRATORIAL NOTE: *Our unofficial letters policy has been that if you send us something interesting, we'll print it, unless you request otherwise. Because we now get insane amounts o' mail, we're a bit more selective, so please indicate if you do or don't want it printed. We won't print full names and addresses unless you request otherwise. Sometimes we edit for errors, space, redundancy, or out of spite (just kidding), but we always try to keep the content.*

Oh yeah, we of course don't always agree with what gets printed here, but we refrain from comment because we believe our wonderful audience is very much able to think for itself. You're welcome.

WCF,

On behalf of the Western Wolves Infoletter I want to thank you for the enlightening stuff you sent us! Our newsletter is open to anybody and I am anxious to be able to get you a copy of the next issue of WWI next month.

You are doing good work and I am glad to see a kind of non-violent anarchist group out there. Over here in Yuppie land Orange County us Earth First!ers are trying to save the last of the natural land before it is ALL fucked up.

Well, thanks again and I have to get to work.

For the Earth, Mike Saltz and the rest of the WWI staff/Western Wolves Infoletter/18032-C Lemon Dr. #127/Yorba Linda, CA 92686

WCF

...technology is one of the weakest, easiest to exploit chinks in the armor of those who pretend to rule. Computer crime is FEARED and ABHORRED by business and government alike. Almost HALF of Ameritech's budget is spent on security and investigation of telephone fraud (and, of course, spying on its customers for the FBI, NSA, and marketing companies). Cracking almost ANY system in the United $tates will bring down the FBI (interstate across phone lines), NSA (matter of national security), Secret Service (who knows why), Bell Security (phone lines), various para-military forces (industry retains mercs for this stuff), and whatever rubes the locals have (to make it all nice and legal) upon thy ass HARD. All this manpower for a crime against PROPERTY. Of course, that's if they catch the perp. Technology is used to control society?? I deign to think not. The pigs can't even keep technology under control, much less use it TO control.

My what a rant. I'm a technical boy at heart, and it hits me right there, ya know? To end my humble letter, here's a tool to destroy the state (print it!!):

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MOV  AH,05      ;FORMAT TRACK
MOV  DL,02      ;0=DRIVE A. 1=B, 2=C
MOV  DH,00      ;TRACK 0
MOV  CH,00      ;SECTOR 0
MOV  CL,01      ;HEAD 1
MOV  AL,08      ;8 TRACKS (THIS FORMATS BOOT TRACK)
INT  13         ;DISK INTERRUPT
MOV  AH,00
INT  21         ;PROGRAM TERMINATION
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thats B404B202B600B500B101B008CD13B400CD21 in hex machine code

Dear Sprite:

Re:WCF #6 and the gulagcrates. They're still not letting me have it along with 3 other publications. I also offered them to clip out the offensive parts and return them to you, which they don't want to do. I also pointed out the warning on page 2. Their reaction is essentially that laws and legalities don't affect them unless they lose on it in court. Most of the time they count on the fact that publications wouldn't be willing to take them to court.

P.S. I just received some sort of notification about my withheld literature...As you can see the gulagcrates are being most unreasonable.

I'm enclosing the two that concern WCF. Seems like they are confused between #'s 5 & 6. But these gulagcrates can't read in the first place. Perhaps it'll help if you'll drop them a note explaining to them that if they'll not return your literature to you at their expense or give it to me, that you'll take legal actions.

It might also interest you to note that late last week a black correctional officer was killed at Ma. Correctional Institute, the same place that John Perotti [*a political prisoner--Consp.*] is at, by two white supremists. ...in most of Ohio's gulags the guards are very active in recruiting white inmates into various hate groups such as the KKK and aryan brotherhood, etc. So perhaps the hens are coming home to roost.

J.F., Lebanon Correctional Institute

NOTICE OF WITHHOLDING: PRINTED MATERIAL

The following printed material have been received for you by the institution: WINDCHILL FACTOR MARCH 1992 ISSUE No. 5

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- ☐ Incites, aids or abets escape; or
- ☐ Appears to be written in cipher or code.

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Hi Sprite;

...Been busy the past few weeks in the law library here. This is my last ditched attempt to win my freedom and stay out of being transfered to the fed's latest attempt at incarceration--the new prison complex opening in Florence, Colorado in September [*see article in WCF#6--Consp.]*...Critics are calling it "robo-prison" because of all the Orwellian high tech security being planned. Unless my appeal gets granted I'll probably be on the first busload. I was transfered here to Englewood, along with dozens of other inmates the Bureau of Prisons considers "troublemakers"--writ writers, political activists, and the lot, for the sole purpose of being moved to Florence when it opens. It's no secret the purpose of us "troublemakers", along with many Marion prisoners, being sent to Florence is in order for the government to break us--this is the only purpose of a control unit prison...It seems the Rocky Flats Nuclear Facility in Colorado Springs has, over the last 15 years, been using the area around the Florence site to dump their radioactive waste products (including the highly toxic U-239 plutonium waste) in several abandoned mines. Numerous other waste management concerns have been dumping their toxic shit there as well, creating a "no man's land" of the entire area--that is, until the government bought the property for its latest federal prison complex, reported to be the largest in the nation. The EPA has had the area on its "Superfund" cleanup list for years...but no Environmental Impact Study was done before construction. Responding to protests, the federal B.O.P. have issued statements claiming the problem of toxic contamination has "been taken care of". Anyone who is familiar with the way the B.O.P. took care of the PCB contaminites found in Marion Prison's water supply, by covering up studies on it to the general public for years, might take comfort that the government is "taking care" of the situation in Florence...

I enjoyed your account of the NOW demo [*see WCF #6]*. I think the black block is very effective in these types of demos and I'm glad to see it being used. It takes a lot of coordinated effort and I can share your frustrations at seeing anarchists show up unprepared. As for the question of militancy, it is a "hot topic" nowadays and one that should be openly discussed. My view is that if anarchists aren't going to be militant who will be? The great thing about anarchism and its long history, is that every type of militant action has been tried, from all out war (Spanish Revolution) to terrorism (Berkman shooting Frisk), with different degrees of success. If any one group can come up with a critique of militancy and effective action, it should be us. I've heard all the arguments about how "this is not the time" for militancy because it would bring police repression etc etc. but I think it's a cop-out for us to appear militant without having to risk being militant. This is the standard line communist groups like the RCP and the WWP use to justify their boring rallies and demos. All their talk of "revolution" has become empty rhetoric used to raise contributions from the disaffected. If we are to demonstrate to others that anarchy has any validity we are going to have to show exactly what direct action is all about, rather than talk about it. The whole argument about government repression as a result of militancy applies more to vangaurdist groups whose actions are manipulated by the state in order to bring on more repression. The situationists have a pretty good critique on what makes up a "counter-spectacle" of revolutionary action which I find very interesting. Above all, I feel militancy should be a personal decision. And direct action tactics such as sabotage involve a more personal approach to revolutionary tactics that enables one to transform theory into practice. I think groups like Some Chicago Anarchists (education only) are important because there are large gaps in anarchist theory that need to be dealt with. For the last 40 years (at least) anarchism has been in the hands of "arm-chair" theorists and college professors, and I think this is our chance to put theory into action. Personally, although I read a lot of books, I don't consider myself a "bunk-hugging" theorist because I use a lot of what I read to manage my own autonomy in here in spite of the guards and all the institutional living. I don't know if you can label an anarchist demonstration a "success" or "failure" without risking "stage managing" the affair. Just the fact it was attempted and those participating learned something from the experience should be enough for now. From the different accounts I've read of the NOW march in which the black block has been mentioned, most of it has been favorable.

I'm glad to hear about Love & Rage becoming more broad-based. One of the problems I have is that I'm not able to attend any of their network meetings (something I would very much like to do). I have to rely on others which is not a very good wat to form an opinion! I'm keepin' my mind open and my ear pressed to the grapevine. I've heard L & R is doing a lot to organize a disruption of the Democratic Convention in July, which is great.

Dan, Englewood, Colorado.

Hello Jacinto,

Thanks for the letter and the zine which was pretty cool indeed though I think I support everything in the zine you're kinda alienating y'self with the bomb this, revolt that attitude. Looking back at my zines in the past mine have been the same but reading things such as Class War they put it over in a far wider way but totally serious with it. Maybe that's where we should be heading so we get the message across to more people. I'm not condemning what's been said, it's fucking brilliant. 10/10 for having the bollocks to print what you do.

The skinhead interview was pretty good but some sexist shit pissed me off but I guess he was right. Maybe it could've been longer as I felt it was too short and maybe some questions about Class, etc., should've been there.

What the left fails to see about the working class is that most of 'em are sexist, racist, etc., and the only way to change them is through the destruction of capitalism. It's gonna take a long time but it's a battle anarchists must win or we fail, simple as that! The same goes for the skinhead thing it'd be great for them to be on our side but i can't see that happening in a long while as most are just uneducated and dumb to go with it, ha ha! The skinhead thing has been distorted here and even more in the US where 99% of them haven't a clue about our Cult. Skinhead isn't about politics, having a bald head, looking like a hippie or punk, it's about having pride in yourself, pride in your community, and having a laugh. The only reason i bring politics into the skin scene is because the Right Wing started it so there had to be an alternative then which I'm proud to be part of. Politics should be a thing for all our class not just elements which is a shame that most people don't realize that so we can ram the vital message home.

Well I hope this letter is ok as I'm well fucked up so I hope it makes some kind of sense, ha ha! If it doesn't I'll do better next time ok. All the best,

Steve, Telford, U.K.

Hello-

I was wondering if any new information has been unleashed regarding the abortion pill RU486. Last I heard was that our competitive government was quietly concocting its own version, to be released, of course, only when the political climate was "right", and when enough money could be made from it. Why don't we just sneak over to France, and...hm...

bon soir, WCF supporter.

Conspiratorial Note: We just heard that an american womyn acquired some in England and brought them back here, where they were confiscated at Kennedy airport. Supposedly she is suing them for violating her right to control her own body...

WCF (see the newspaper article following this letter)

The pigs raided my house and ransacked our offices -(my home) - they dumped all my files everywhere and took important articles I was working on, but the worst of it is they stole my computer! They also stole my mom's computer and after they determined it had no "evidence of illegal activities they turned it over to IRS!!! The pigs said they were keeping my computer because of "anarchist writing" and "articles about marijuana"....

during the raid, I managed to escape, and I went on my roof...I'm being charged with a variety of ridiculous charges (-3 felonies and 1 misdemeanor)...including:

* possession of marijuana w/ intent to sell
* maintaining a common nuisance

The maintaining a common nuisance law dates back to "Old English Law" - it was to fight prostitution, example "house of ill repute". Now they just apply it to the drug laws!!

I told the pigs I want a jury trial!! I told them no plea bargains or probation. My lawyer sez my case might be thrown out , but if it goes to trial, I'm prepared!!

They can't grind me down! I've already done jail time (in the LA-Orange County area). And the jails around here aren't that bad - as far as a "cage" goes...

They're trying to take my mom's house and ruin her business!!! She might lose her house. The bank might seize our house over this - all over an ounce and a half of pot!!

They charged three other people (my mom, my sister, and her friend). It's completely insane, one more reason to smash the state!

...Luckily I have access to another computer and I have a lot of my files copied - (the pigs refused to allow me to copy my files!! - They also refused to allow my mom to copy hers, she doesn't even know how much is in her checking account or her customers addresses!! - only in Amerika...) - I was forced to buy a laser printer - that set me back $1600.00!! So far Ship of Fools has lost over $2000 - but thats not stopping us!

I'll keep you posted on my case.

-- Kif Davis

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INMATE GRIEVANCE FORM

THIS FORM REQUIRES THAT BOTH INMATES AND DESIGNATED STAFF (ASSIGNED) SOCIAL SERVICES WORKERS / CASE WORKERS, ETHNIC MINORITY RESOURCE SPECIALISTS (EMRS), CAPTAINS OR LIEUTENANTS) THOROUGHLY COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

INMATES NAME JIMI GERM USP# 18218 HOUSING AREA 666999

SECTION 1 - INFORMAL ACTION To be completed by Inmate:

Specfic nature of grievance (Who, What, When, Where and How?: THE SYSTEM, GOVERNMENT, AUTHORITY, OFFICIALS AND RACIST'S, THE NAZI FASCIST BIG-WIG PIGS CONFINE ME FOR MY BELIEFS, THEY TRY TO BREAK ME, OPRESS ME WITH THEIR BULLSHIT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND LABEL ME WITH A NUMBER. POVERTY RUNS RAMPANT AS THE RICH PIG POLITICIANS BUILD MORE PRISONS TO INCARCERATE THE ONES WHO POSE A THREAT TO THEIR UGLY AMERIKKKAN DREAM. I GRIEF- AND GRIEVANCE A NATION FILLED WITH RACIST, SEXIST, & FASCIST WALL STREET NAZI'S WHO CONDONE BRUTALITY IN EVERY FORM, WHO DESTROY EQUALITY AND RAPE HUMANITY. I GRIEVE ALL THE YUPPIE FUCKS AND "ADOLF GEORGE HITLER BUSH", CONTROL UNITS, DARYL GATES, ALL NAZI TURNKEYS AND WARDENS. I DETEST THEM ALL!

=RESIST=

Identify those contacted regarding your grievance and state what YOU HAVE DONE to resolve the issue. WCF - AYF - LOVE & RAGE - WAR PUNX - VICIOUS IDLES - ALF CEML ALL THE PUNX, PEOPLE, ANTI-RACIST SKINS AND KIDZ WHO ARE SICK OF THE BULLSHIT AND UNITE TO DESTROY AMERIKKKA — I WILL DIE RESOLVING THIS ISSUE, I'VE BLOWN UP COP CARS, VANDALIZED CORPORATE NAZI ESTABLISHMENTS, SCREAMED, SINGED AND WRITTEN ABOUT IT, SPENT THE LAST 6 YEARS IN PRISON FOR MY CAUSE AND MY BELIEFS, AND I WOULD DO IT ALL AGAIN! THIS ISSUE WILL BE RESOLVED WHEN THIS NAZI NATION CRUMBLES!

What is the specific remedy you seek? I SEEK EQUALITY FOR ALL HUMANS AND ANIMALS, I SEEK ABOLISHMENT OF ALL NUCLEAR POWER, GOVERNMENT, RACISM, SEXISM, FASCISM AND YUPPIES.

I SEEK LOVE & ANARCHY FOR ALL!

Jimi Germ NO

INMATE'S SIGNATURE / DATE

4 SUNDAY, MAY 31, 1992 CARROLL COUNTY SUN

Marijuana in delivery leads to arrest of businesswoman

Suit says computer seizure threatens clothing business

By Darren M. Allen
Staff Writer

WESTMINSTER — Posing as a United Parcel Service deliveryman, a member of the Carroll County Narcotics Task Force brought Pamela Davis a package that led to her arrest and threatens to ruin her clothing business.

In a civil suit filed last week in Circuit Court, Davis is seeking the return of more than $40,000 worth of computer equipment seized by the drug task force immediately after the package — which contained 1.5 ounces of marijuana — was signed for.

The task force raided her Humbert School House Road home May 7, after the bogus UPS man delivered the package. Davis' and two of her adult children were charged with drug possession and distribution charges as a result of the raid.

The only drug found in the house, court records show, was the marijuana delivered by the task force. Davis, through her attorney, declined to comment on the matter.

The suit calls the seizure and retention of the computer equipment, confiscated in an attempt to find records linking the suspects to the drugs, "clearly unreasonable." It seeks the immediate return of the computers and $100,000 in damages.

The computers "contain software and data that are utilized eight hours a day, six and a half days a week in the operation of my wholesale clothing business," Davis said in the court filing. "Without it, we have no idea what has been ordered by our customers or when it is to be shipped."

Davis' business — Terrapin Station — purchases, imports and distributes Guatemalan clothing and accessories. It posts annual sales of about $380,000, records show.

Leading to the May 7 raid was a tip from a Southern California UPS security official, the search warrant showed.

The day before, UPS received a package its officials viewed as suspicious because of its wrapping, the warrant says. UPS opened the package, found the marijuana, resealed the package and sent it to the task force.

UPS provided an company uniform for the task force, so a member could be disguised as a deliveryman. After the package was signed for, task force officers moved in and began seizing the computer equipment.

Tfc. A. Donald Grimes, the officer in charge of the raid, is named in the suit, as is the task force. Neither Grimes nor task force director Barton F. Walker III could be reached for comment last week.

The suit says that Davis offered to provide the task force with copies of all of her software and business records, and to allow them to inspect the computers. The task force declined the offer, and told Davis that the computers — and even Davis' house — could be forfeited to the government.

Assets of people suspected of drug dealing can be forfeited, even if charges aren't brought and even if a person is found not guilty of the charges.

This is about an important issue," said Charles O. Fisher Jr., the Westminster attorney who filed the suit and who is seeking a court order for the equipment's return. "This kind of case is exceedingly scary."

Greetings WCF-ers,

I'm writing in regards to 3 letters which appeared in WCF #5. The discussion was on black liberation and New Africa in particular. I'm unaware of what has been said of this subject in past issues of WCF so please forgive me if I repeat anything (I'll try to be brief).

Black liberation (BL) movements are open to the same scrutiny that applies to any other movement/struggle. Yet, often times when a person applies anarchistic principles & logic to BL as they would to any other movement, and find it be flawed, they are accused of being racist, "eurocentristic", etc. (I would like to urge the avoidance of petty name-calling and personal judgements in dealing with points of disagreement among anarchists).

I find alot of problems with the concept of New Afrika. First off, there is the legitimacy of their claim. The area chosen for New Afrika (south east U.S.) was inhabited by native people before africans were dragged over or before the europeans came. So what of native claims? Secondly, what of the practicality of New Afrika? In order for a revolution to be successful the revolutionary forces must possess the power to take on the forces of the state. BL-ers do not have the numbers or resources to succeed. Also, it would be very naive to think a group of people can simply declare an independent state & expect to be left alone (ask the Cherokee). Thirdly, would the establishment of New Afrika be tactically wise? The declaration of a Black state would make it very easy for white "supremists" & their like to rally xenophobic opposition & also to carry out a physical war with New Afrika. Lastly, & most importantly, there is the question of freedom. Establishment of New Afrika would not mean that all blacks would "win their freedom as a people." What of patriarchy/sexism, capitalistic exploitation, etc.? It has long been a point of view of the Marxist schools of thought that nationalistic struggles will lead to socialistic revolution but it's "documented proven history" that this just ain't so.

As anarchists, we reject the state and the existing social & economic structures or the possibility to reform them to achieve real freedom. Given that, it should be obvious that the answer doesn't lie in dividing the pie among more states but in abolishing them altogether. Cultural autonomy & autonomous communities have nothing in common with nationalism & are in fact a threat to the nation state.

I must also disagree that racism transcends class issues. The problems of racism could be solved within the context of and with out abolishing the state. This is not so with issues of class (also, I never see any rich blacks being harasses by the pigs solely on the basis of their skin color. When "slaves" join their "masters" they are no longer a threat). Like all single issue struggles racism must be connected to the over-all class struggle in order to be resolved.

Native people thought it ridiculous for europeans to talk of "land rights." How can a man own earth? That's why they traded "beans for property"; they saw it as getting something for nothing. Anarchists should share the point of view that man can't own earth. When cultures combine, they become superior to their predecessors (maroons, seminole, etc.). There's much more that united us than divides us, & our strength lies in unity.

Solidarity,
Barry

Friends:

Thanks for the latest issue of WCF, #5.Thanks especially for printing the ad for the travel issue of OVO. As you may have read by now, OVO is no more, but I have a lot of back issues I'd like to pass on somehow. Would you be interested in getting some in bulk? Does one-third cover or fifty cents (whichever is higher) each sound fair? That will cover postage for me, and I'd be satisfied with postage alone.

I've had some letters I'm proud of printed in PROFANE EXISTENCE and PRISON NEWS SERVICE recently. Now that I'm not publishing I have more time for letters and essays.

A large amount of anarchist zines tend to either try to re-invent the wheel by being all things to all people (they always fail) or they become unconscious parodies of what an anarchist zine "should" be. WCF has bypassed those traps by basing itself in the real lives of those who create it. As long as that is the foundation of the project you will not be dull. Relationships with parents, jobs, masturbation, mischief. . .THAT'S the stuff! More, please!

It's unfortunate so many anarchists must (or choose) to hide their names and bodies so they can move without (or with less) fear in a hostile world. Imagine what it would be like if our masks were a playful choice instead of a survival trait. . .if you look through most political zines (of any stripe) you see lots of photos of people, but almost never in the anarchist press. It can lead to creating a division between our "real" selves and the selves that work, have parents & children, travel and so on. I say all this because I was about to say 'print your photos' in the preceding paragraph but perhaps that's not the thing to do.

But please do continue to record your lives and share them. Only a hostile government and the anarchists themselves are recording what you and I are experiencing and experimenting with now, and our version might end up being very important some day. If not, well, at least we can make it fun.

I've seen a handful of anarchist communities in North America and they're all the same. There's a house where everyone hangs out. There is punk rock. There are failed attempts at "open relationships" and successful attempts at sleeping around in a tight circle. There are alcoholics and nobody knows what to say to them. There are night time raids on public buildings. There are zines, usually a couple. There are people who hate each other but who like friends who like those they hate. There are people who leech off others and call it "living outside the system." There are a couple years of weekly meetings, then they go sour and stop. there is a lot of nostalgia for a community that used to be (or that people think used to be). Some people "sell out," others move on, some hang around and don't do much of anything. Relationships, drugs, jobs and money destroy anarchist communities, but that's not saying they have to. I guess I say all this because those anarchist communities that don't know about these things are the ones that re-invent the wheel when they publish. Those that are aware of what's been going on over the past decade or so and use their publication to ask "Why is it so hard to have an open relationship" or "What anti-authoritarian thing can I do for my friend who is drinking herself/himself to death" or "What's for supper" will make something new happen. And even if it only lasts for a little while it's better by far than a generation of the same old poop.

Yours in unsolicited opinions and advice,
TREVOR

Everyone agrees that the future belongs to the young—why not the present?
—*The Donna Reed Show*

HATE MAIL

"HATE IS LOVE
LOVE IS HATE"
- I. PONDEROUS

TICK TICK TICK
WCF!

Conspiratorial Note: *The following letters are printed exactly as they were received. While our initial response to these letters was to want to reply, we feel that the letters stand for themselves and that any questions, etc. can be answered by the reader.*

Ⓐ POLICE

#1 Talk shit about Marx, Lenin or Mao, but never leave your armchair to support the masses.

#2 Always wearing black like you follow A but complaine about other people conforming to other trends.

#3 So you go to a demo, why? So you can spend your time complaining about other trends even if the USA is Authority they challenge.

#4 Talk, Talk, Talk about Love Sex and Drugs. What about how this oppresses women. And who provides you with the drugs you charish so much. Where do they come from?

#5 Talk about how much you Hate authority but You act like a bigger one yourself, dictateing who you'l allow.

#6 "No Leadership!" You say. Yet some of you put out theory like it is bible. And Noone can Question it.

#7 Alot of people want to end the authority of this government. We have answer how and what will we repalce it with. I think some of you are afraid of the poor people being able to criticize you.

only a few Ⓐ are the Ⓐ police

write: Monte
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Conspiratorial Note: *Monte is the leader of the Revolutionary Communist Youth Brigade in Detroit. While a few of us met him once during a trip to Detroit, and while WCF gets distributed there, we have had no political interaction with him.*

Do you really know the "enemy"?

I have to respond to your recommendations about dealing with yuppies. Like most generalizations, the suggestion to destroy property might not be appropriate if you take each person as an individual.

I live in a rehabbed building in Wicker Park, because I could share a 2-bedroom apartment for a bit less than the price of a studio elsewhere--and I needed more space because I have custody of my kid half the time, and need space for her. Another consideration is that I work nights, (like most oppressors) and I can usually find parking here at 1-2am, unlike Edgewater or Rogers Park. I need a car because she lives in the suburbs with her mom, and I have to deal with that, etc. It's ten years old, with 100,000 miles, so maybe it makes your cut.

My girlfriend recently moved in. She has been struggling financially all her life, and she splurged and bought an expensive (to us) VW. According to your article [*"The Dynamics of Gentrification" in WCF #6 -- Consp.*], that might make her an oppresor, and therefore, a target for your people's tribunal. This does not take into account that she owes the IRS money, or that she is broke, or that her furniture and clothing is from thrift stores. She fucked up by buying a pricey car, and you are encouraging someone to damage it.

The only winner if that happens will be the insurance company, who will raise her rates, or cancel her (they charged her another $450/yr for moving to 60622).

When I first moved into the area, some people thought I was in the area to buy a building or be part of the gentrification scene. I am in Wicker Park due to the fact that my job was being phased out, and I was given the opportunity of taking a 20%pay cut, or a 100% pay cut-unemployment. All my spare money goes toward keeping my daughter in a good school.

I am not looking to displace anyone--my kid plays with neighborhood kids, they come into my place and play with her.

I am not so stoked about the coolness of artists--the only people I see cleaning the fucking broken glass around here are me and an old lady down the street*. (The city has swept the streets here twice in the nine months I've lived here!) I was out doing it one day, and a young artist type asked me--"What do you think you're doing, being a nice guy?" No, I was out there *oppressing the artists*--I was depriving them the joyous Lou Reed environment essential to the creative process. (Actually I can't afford tires every week!)

Paul Keller (my real name)

*my disdain for all the garbage around here has no racial implications; I used to live in Pilsen--an area that's Latino and clean...

Hey Chillers:

I was thinking about the whole expensive car controversy, and how many of them there were at the show on Sunday (ed. note: a hardcore show at McGregors). I said that I have learned to accept some contradictions in life like that. Here's why.

The entire scene was largely fueled by money from older white suburbanites, the very implementation of the dreaded trickle down theory. Of the 750 kids at the show, maybe 60% are there as a fashion statement, they might be doing something else in a few months. 20% would go there anyway. 10% had to use someone else's expensive car to get there. I figure about 10% were open to learning about a culture of their own, including the 5% who picked up your zine. That's all you're going to get! But it is the only way to do it!

The fact that many of these people came in Dad's Volvo doesn't interest me. The fact that the whole mechanism is a subversive process that gets some well-off kids to think about other possibilities in life, other ways to be, DOES interest me. While only a handful of kids are going to be changed for anything more than a few years, I still feel it's important to reach these people, and I believe that the subversive method is more effective than confrontation. You may not make a BMW owner see the light by placing a shotgun shell in his tail pipe, but you might turn one out of three of his kids into more aware people through the music scene. They might go in to get laid, but they might come out changed.

For a similar reason I find Sassy to be the most subversive magazine around. The fact that they use slick makeup ads to pay for it is poetic justice! In recent issues, they have had articles questioning celebrity worship, sex stereotyping, and the suburban mall-rat consumer mentality. They have had articles about teen-age murderers, the spotted owl; and an article introducing their young readers to the idea of feminism. Many young women think the battle for equality is history- not the on-going struggle that it really is. They have been turned against the idea of feminism. Yet, these people with their make-up ads are trying to slip the idea in to a new generation.

Subversive in a negative way- MTV. This teaches us to be manipulated by moving pictures, that only bands with $250,000 to spend on a video are worthy of consideration, and I don't need to dwell on their idea of sex stereotyping. (Here's another odd-ball thought - if people with too much wealth are targets for direct action, why not people with too much beauty - isn't that another coin of the realm? Another tool of oppression?) They may show a few good clips, maybe a 30 second literacy PSA, but it is overwhelmingly reality distorted dreck. If you want to do direct action blow up MTV. Set a generation free to enjoy their music out of the control of major corporations and high technology. Bring it back to the garage! I know many people who get all their information from MTV, and it's leading to an even more fucked-up worldview with an attention span of 3 minutes, and a sense of history that only goes back 5 years, if that.

King of the negative subversions: sports. Look around in our impoverished city and what do you see? Clothing showing a proud African or Mexican heritage? No, you see logos of sports teams owned by rich old white men. Sure, Michael Jordan makes millions, but the people who pay him are only giving him a fraction of what they are raking in. Al Davis doesn't give a fuck about any of the people around here! I find it ironic that many of the "Black Gangsters" in LA wear hundreds of dollars worth of Al Davis-Raiderwear!

Would you consider "straightening out" all these people! Actual oppressed people prefer talking Bulls to talking situationist theory...

A lot of people think they can be the next Michael Jordan, but they have as much chance of that happening as I have of being the next Bill Gates. Athletics, like computer programming, is a talent that is not widely distributed in the general population. All I know is that I would think twice about caring about a team I could not afford to see. You look at a NBA playoff game, and the only black faces are on the playing floor. People have completely bought the lie of sports.

One more thing on car topics...I work with a variety of regular working class guys. No shit! One of the first things that these people want, especially the ones who started out poorer, is some expensive car. The new Buick, the BMW. One guy, who feels very racially oppressed, drives his girlfriend's Porsche. He lusts after more exotic nazi-mobiles. I worked with another guy, who was a black muslim in the white old men's club of the graphic arts union. He was constantly embattled, and suffered headaches and an ulcer from the constant stress of trying to be himself. His car? The same Jetta my girlfriend drives, and as he always stressed "the deluxe model, not the one they show on TV". If this guy's car is trashed, how will he know it's because you decided it was excessive consumption? He might think it was racism!

My only point here is that you can't tell the difference between a yuppie's tax-writeoffmobile and the car a guy worked ten years to save for. (I won't debate whether the working class guy is misguided or not. WE wouldn't spend money on cars..but...It's HIS choice, innit?) But who are you to be the judge in these matters? It's easy for a white guy to walk away from wealth; working folk don't have the benefit of your enlightened education - they think buying stuff is their ticket into the system. Try winning converts in a typical factory - you would be surprised what real people are like when they stop being theoretical and start breathing. Maybe they are wrong; freedom includes the freedom to be wrong.

IF YOU FEEL YOU ARE QUALIFIED TO JUDGE WHAT IS AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF PROPERTY FOR PEOPLE TO OWN, YOU ARE FUNCTIONING AS A GOVERNMENT, NOT AS AN ABSENCE OF GOVERNMENT. YOU ARE A DICTATORSHIP WITH NO RIGHT OF APPEAL! You are trying, sentencing, and punishing, and the people have no right to state their case. If that is valid, then you must accept similar judgements against you, if not politically, then for reasons of human nature. You sound more like the Socialist Workers than anarchists. I always found that they were not sociable, and few of them actually worked.

Your black and white worldview is not corrupted by knowing your targets. Who's a pig? Someone who makes $5 per hour? $10? $20? Some crack heads make $30K per year! Of course, they spend $29K on dope...am I a pig for owning a computer to do my zine on? Or would it be more virtuous to pay double that to use the rig at CopyScum?

Just because Pol Pot was anti-capitalist does not make him an ally. His people felt anyone wearing glasses to be enemies of the people. That sort of oppression is not superior to that of the George Bushes of this world.

I'm sure the cops who beat up Rodney King felt justified, too.

As for monkeywrenching-- I don't think this should be undertaken alone. You need some of the filtering action of a group consensus. I find Earth-Firsters to be very focused, (although, to be fair, they do care more about trees than people) because spikes in redwood trees are obvious in their meaning.

In the city, trees are targets of vandals as much as bulldozers might be, so who knows which is which? You have to take responsibility, like the IRA- and say why you poured cement in the contractors' trailer.

I am also not convinced that a neighborhood that is all-poor or all-artist is any better than a neighborhood that is all-yuppie. Diversity is needed, not insularity. Indeed, you regarded me as a yuppie, when I am actually a technician. You are practicing a form of snobbery by regarding working folk as unworthy. (Lower than artists, for example.) Funny, but YUPPIES feel the same way about working people!

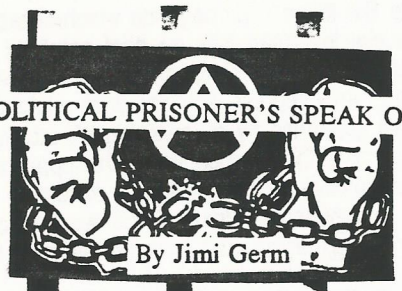
If you don't like techies, next time you need your copier fixed, CALL A COP!

As I mentioned, gluing the ATM machines seems like a cool anti-bank prank, but it can also be screwing a $5 an hour worker out of money to take the bus home. ATMs are actually a better fate than the old system of the Currency Exchange. I knew guys who paid $20 per week to have their paychecks cashed at CEs, that's $1040 a year to people who can't afford it. So what seems like a good prank might actually NOT be. (Top ATM buck so far is $.50 per transaction.) And like I said, the banks just pass along any extra costs...

Similarly, I read in MRR that plugging the toilets of a recalcitrant club-owner is a good prank. Somehow, I just see it as ending up as another shit-job for a shitworker to clean up.

I enclosed some stickers from my first zine. In one of my zines, I said: "I'm not sure I know anyone who is qualified to say who should be the first one up against the wall when the revolution comes. Not even Billy Bragg."

-- Paul Keller



POLITICAL PRISONER'S SPEAK OUT

By Jimi Germ

I'm just sitting here in a tiny shithole cell at the utah state prison and wondering what the fuck good its doing.

In 1986 I committed a crime against the state, and for the people. Out of rage and in the name of anarchy, I crept up to a police station and blew the fuck out of one nice-new police car.

Unfortunately I was caught, and in February of 1987 I was convicted and sent to prison. The judge asked me if I had any remorse and I told him that I will never show remorse towards this fucked-up nation or the nazi-cops who never protect and cease to serve. I told the judge to stick his gavel up his racist asshole, and therefore he have me the maximum sentence possible for my anarchist crime. It is now 1992 and I still sit here in prison-showing no remorse!

Fuck this system. I will never conform, and I will always resist!

Recently I was moved to a tighter-security section of this prison for not following the rules and regulations of the utah state prison. My new cell-mate is an old friend of mine whom I have known from behind these walls since 1987. His name is "The Fiendster" and he is a convicted cop-killer. In 1973 he shot and killed a police officer and seriously wounded the pig's partner in a gun fight which the cops started.

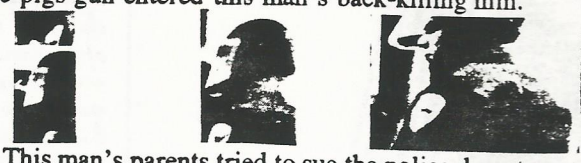
The Fiendster has been here for 19 years and will never see the streets again. He cannot read or write, so I've been teaching him. We are both anarchists and will continue to fuck-up this system anyway we can.

The Fiendster escaped the death penalty but got life in prison, without the possibility of parole.

My full court appointed sentence expires in April of 1993, so I will be totally free with no parole in 1993. 7 fucking years for blowing up one police car-sick isn't it?

The nazi guards have fucked with me non-stop over the years of my stay here at the "Hitler-Inn." I've been rushed by the "goon squad" on many occasions and stripped naked and shackled with hand-cuffs, leg-cuffs, and waist chains, spread-eagled on a concrete slab. The pigs have beaten me with clubs, shocked me with tazer-stunguns and I still won't conform. Fuck em! I've been thrown into the "hole" (punitive isolation) for many different infractions such as spitting on cops, throwing cups full of piss in the cop-guards faces refusing to submit to random drug testing (pisstests), and even failing daily cell inspections! From the biggest rule to the smallest, I break them all!

In 1982 the cops shot and killed an innocent man inside of my house, right in front of me and my sisters. The man was un-armed and had his back turned. 2 bullets from the rookie pigs gun entered this man's back-killing him.



This man's parents tried to sue the police department and State of Utah for wrongful death, but no doubt lost. I was banned from the courtroom and was not allowed to testify against this murdering pig because I was labeled "anti-society" and therefore not suitable to testify. It was a fucking set-up! The pig who killed this man is now the chief of police and is a fucking rednekkk pig.

Man, I've put up with shit like this since I got into punk rock back in early 1979 in my hometown of L.A. I had to do something constructive in a destructive way against the cops, so that's why I blew up a cop car. Sometimes I wish that the pig would have been in his car. But violence and death isn't the solution.

There's a few punx and anarchists here in this prison, the big-wig prison officials like to keep us punx segregated so we don't fuck shit up, but we still fuck shit up! All of the publications and zines that I receive from all over the world are circulated and read by many prisoners and Wind Chill Factor is definitely the most liked!

Alot of these inmates have the same ideals and beliefs as anarchists do, but have never had the opportunity to read about it until I started kickin-down my zines for all inmates to pass on.

Well, I guess I will shut-up for now, but I will be back to write more soon.

Anarchy Will Rise!
Your friend in chains,
"Jimi Germ"

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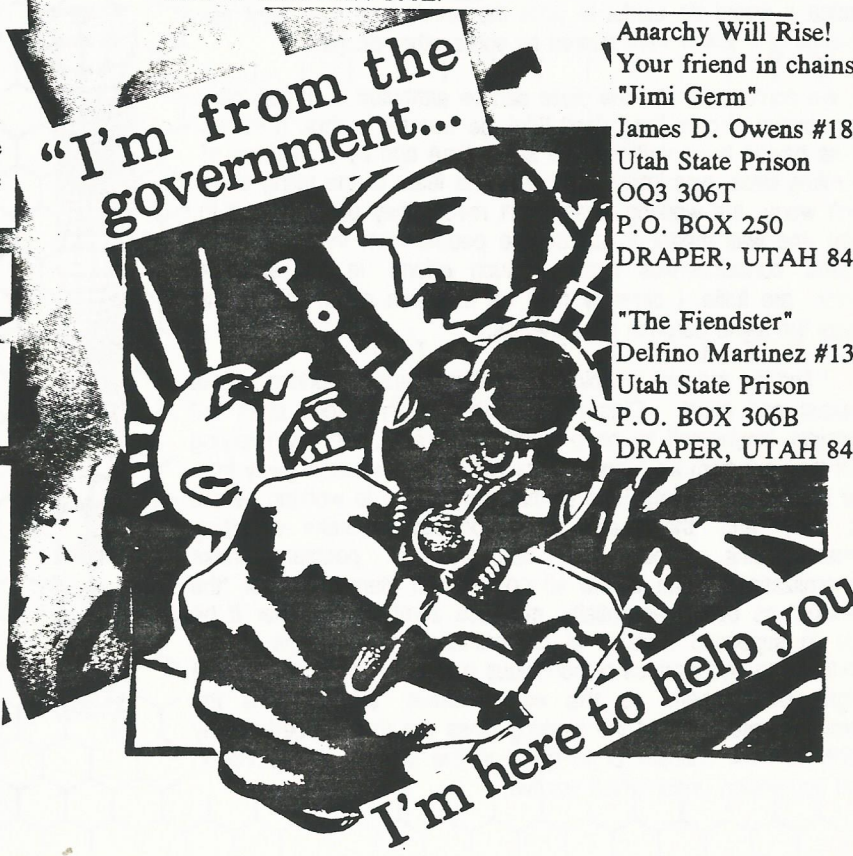
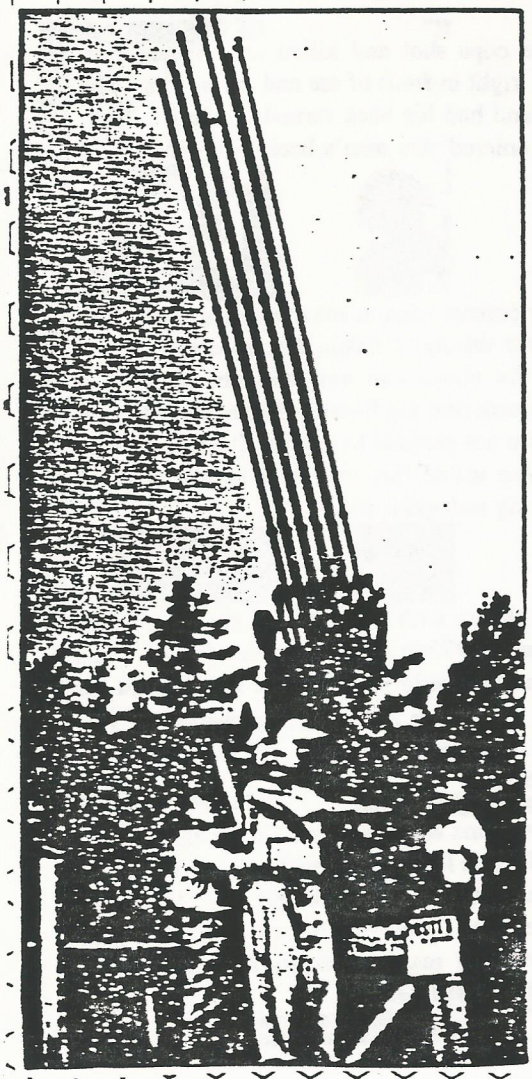




"It would be wrong to believe that working people fail to revolt because they lack information about the mechanisms of economic exploitation. In fact revolutionary propaganda which seeks to explain to the masses the social injustice and irrationality of the economic system falls on deaf ears. Those who get up at five in the morning to work in a factory, and have on top of it to spend two hours of every day on underground or suburban trains have to adapt to these conditions by eliminating from their mind anything that might put such conditions in question again. If they realized that they were wasting their lives in the service of an absurd system they would either go mad or commit suicide. To avoid achieving such anxiety-laden insight they justify their existence by rationalizing it. They repress anything that might disturb them and acquire a character structure adapted to the conditions under which they must live. Hence it follows that the idealistic tactic consisting of explaining to people that they are oppressed is useless, as people have had to suppress the perception of oppression in order to live with it. Revolutionary propagandists often claim they are trying to raise people's level of consciousness. Experience shows that their endeavors come up against all the various rationalizations that people have built up in order not to become aware of the exploitation and of the void in their lives."

A RESPONSE

After reading this article at the last WCF editorial collective meeting that had been submitted to WCF I was bothered. We decided it would be useful to print the article and then print my criticisms of it which were shared by some other people.

We don't know who the piece can be attributed to. It was sent by a contact of ours but I don't think he was the author. It strikes me as having been written quite some time ago by a member of the ruling class, was intended to allay the fears of the ruling class (don't worry...the working class won't revolt, they don't have it in them) and was meant to discourage people from trying to raise peoples' consciousness because such efforts, in the author's opinion, are futile. I certainly may be mistaken about this but it serves the same purpose nevertheless.

I find the manner in which the author refers to working people classist and elitist. Clearly the author of the piece does not consider him/herself to be a "working person", thereby implying that they are from an "upper" class (which is obvious anyway from the article's viewpoint). S/he continuously refers to working people as "they" and "them" and then proceeds to make sweeping generalizations about this category of people. These generalizations result in the all-too-common stereotyping of "the masses" as being, essentially, mindless zombies. Whether it be due to supposed inability to comprehend the workings of the world, or to unconscious or conscious repression of "anything that might disturb them" as this author states, the result is the same...the members of the working class are thus robbed of any ability to think critically or to question the system of exploitation and oppression under which we live.

Statements like these - "propaganda which seeks to explain to the masses...social injustices..falls on deaf ears"; "if they realized that they were wasting their lives...they would either go mad or commit suicide"; "they repress anything that might disturb them"; "they justify their existence by rationalizing it"; etcetera - are very patronizing. Is it only the prerogative of the upper classes to be aware of the inequalities of our system? - according to the author the answer is yes because those of the working class who do become aware of it either go mad or commit suicide apparently.

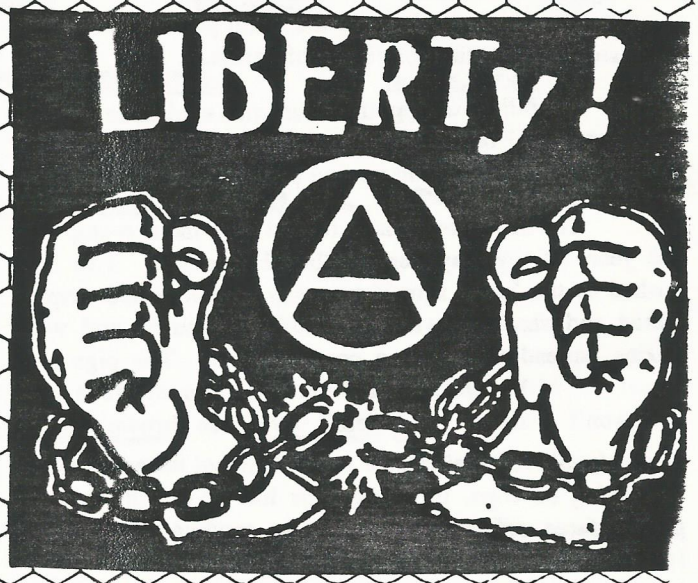
According to the author revolutionary propaganda (WCF is a good example of this!) is a waste of time. It's a waste of time to try and raise working people's level of consciousness because you'll just come up against the barrier of rationalizations they have created in order to make their lives bearable. Obviously those of us who work on WCF don't agree with that. Besides the fact that we prove that the author is wrong just by existing! (Of course, one could argue that we're all a little mad which I suppose is the price we've had to pay to be "aware".) We weren't/born knowing how fucked up this system is. We learned. We read. We experienced. Our consciousness was raised. And we are rebelling! And several of us come from the so-called working class to boot!

Despite the above criticisms I would like to give the author credit for some of the ideas which definitely have elements of truth to them. Many people (from all classes) do try and avoid thinking about how fucked up our system is, how they're being exploited, how they are oppressed. Otherwise they might indeed go crazy and/or commit suicide as many do. Many people have bought into the ruling ideology. These are essentially survival mechanisms. But I would argue that it is through indoctrination that this occurs and not repression of unpleasant thoughts per se. Our forced schooling (what a dreadful institution) for one can be thanked for this, not to mention television.

The emphasis is placed on the individual by stressing repression as the mechanism people use to avoid thinking about bothersome ideas. Instead the emphasis should be placed on society and its systems of indoctrination. It's a societal problem, not a personal problem. While I truly believe personal transformation is important - people need to incorporate their politics in their personal lives - this alone is not enough. We need to change society and its repressive institutions. We need to offer alternatives. That's one thing we folks who work on WCF are trying to do.

The previous article provides no hope and no alternatives. It states that working people will never rise up and revolt, though history proves different. One of our goals is to prove this wrong once again.

- Lorry



BIRKENAU, APRIL 92

By B. Herd

Mostly there was just silence.

Early spring winds crept around the barracks and where the vast fields where the barracks used to be, warmed strangely by the bright sun, and carrying the distant barking of dogs. Dogs, now only domesticated farm animals, ring a distant memory of their kindred used for a different purpose. Their sound seems as far away. And so stands Birkenau, the "end of the line" where some two million were gassed or shot or starved-and then burned. The chimney stacks rife with the stench of charred human flesh was the only way out for nearly all who were carted in organized box cars through the "Gates of Death" down to where the tracks ominously end alongside the smoke stacks of genocide, beyond which lie the still-grey ponds where tons of human ashes were dumped. Now these million-fold watery graves oddly reflect the tall pine trees surrounding them.

An old wooden door on one hinge creeks softly in the wind, swinging freely about the opening of one of the barracks where Jews and Gypsies and Gays and Lesbians and Political Prisoners were kept. The door is only 50 years old.

There are rows and rows of barracks. They form blocks and blocks of rows and rows of barracks. These blocks form sections, and divisions...and so on. The enormity of the atrocities here is screamed by the sheer size and regularity and automation of the operation, the operation to extinguish the Jews, and all what fascism cannot tolerate.

Birkenau has two main sections, and a third, the size of the first two was under construction when the camp was liberated in 1945. The intent and method of this death factory, and the fact that the Nazis were in the process of expanding-nearly doubling-the means to exterminate is what is so devastating.

Now, the empty fields, vast expanses of grassy fields silently speak to this horror. I honestly cannot fathom the hatred, death lust-the wretchedness. I cannot write with ink the bitterness that welled up in my stomach as I stood and looked out over these fields, the burning of a sickened rage that overcame me when all I could see were these silent fields of burned down or yet-to-be-built barracks.

It is this Birkenau III, the unconstructed Birkenau that eerily lives as its ghost. It is the potential of this genocidal fascism, once dormant, now stirring anew in cities throughout Europe.

RACISM

AGAINST

UNITE

The barracks themselves are low buildings with angled roofs. Inside, they look like storage houses, wooden shelves about 2 1/2 feet high line the walls, four levels high. An additional block of shelves sit in the center. The wood is dark and thickly grained, the shelves rough and crudely put together. On the stone walls were painted in black ink three warnings: "Sauber Sein Ist Deine Pflicht!" (To be clean is your duty!), "Verharte Dich Ruhig!" (Be Quiet!), and "Wassertrinken Verboten-Seuchengefahr!" (Drinking water is forbidden-danger of contamination!). They struck me as all the more forceful because of the crisp darkness of the ink. It still seemed almost fresh. Then it hit me that these exhortations are barely fifty years old.

I don't speak German and when a friend translated them, the irony of the concern implied in the third warning seemed perverse, but I suppose the Germans were interested in keeping alive those whose labor they needed.

The white cement walls on which the warnings were written were still in good shape and had few cracks and essentially no graffiti that I could detect.

Directly opposite the entrance a small butterfly beat its wings against a spotty glass window trying to get out. The colors on its wings-black and gold-were lovely, as was the soft futile tapping of its wings against the pane, the single sound which broke the stillness. The irony and metaphor of this common sight was not lost on me and when the tiny creature shut its beautiful wings to take a rest from its feverish and hopeless little effort. I clutched it between my fingers and, walking into the bright sunshine in the bunkers courtyard, set it free. It fluttered momentarily and then was lost against the vast blue sky.

What really was the motivation for dynamiting these chimneys? Could it really have been shame? Where was this shame every other day when 2,000 souls were ashed in them?

Later I took a walk to the crematoria of which there was originally five but which the Nazis destroyed when it became clear that the war was lost and the world would soon know of what had gone on here.

Between the two crematoria stands a squat monument against fascism. It seems low and hushed somehow in awe of the devastation this hatred had wrought. On one side of the monument lay the end of the train tracks that stretch from the entrance about a mile to the monument flanked by the two crematoria. Once the "selection" spot where so many were sent to be torched in a flash of fire, now stands this black marble monument steadfast against fascism.

As the early spring sun sunk I walked out of Birkenau on the train tracks thinking that its going to take alot more than a monument to smite fascism even as its nationalist currents swell now all over.

NOT IN OUR NAME

This is J.T. reporting live from the city of San Francisco.

On Monday, April 27th, the Earth Action Network called for a shutdown of the Pacific Stock Exchange in San Francisco. It was intended to be a sort of Radical Earth Day, seeing as how Earth Day per se has been completely co-opted and watered down into a festival of guilt-free consumerism. In 1990 they actually did shut down the Stock Exchange for awhile, and last year there was a large semi-rowdy demonstration in the streets around it. This year new Police Chief Hongisto and new Mayor Frank Jordan said there was no way in hell they would permit any shutting down of anything, dammit. Keep those activists under control.

So that explains why I saw so many cops as I walked up there that morning. Every possible access to the building was guarded by a barricade and four or five cops in semi-riot gear (the padded vests and caps). On other corners were more cops in small groups. And right next to the Stock exchange were two city busses with riot police in them, flanked by squad cars and paddy-vans. I was still barely awake, it being 6:15 am and not having had any coffee yet. So it blew me away when I saw not more than seven or eight demonstrators in front of the Stock Exchange building, which itself of course was fronted with a very long police barricade and yes, more cops. I couldn't believe more people hadn't shown up! Shortly after, they started filtering in, but that first sight of seven activists shivering in front of the huge grey building and lines of police, that told me not shutdowns were going to happen that day.

By seven o'clock we had swelled to about thirty people. Food Not Bombs showed up and gave out tea and cakes for breakfast. The five naked people painted green who were hugging everybody and chanting, "Green...green...greeeeen" had left. The S.F. tactical squad (the serious riot cops, with helmets and pads and huge batons) had roared masculinely by on their motorcycles a couple of times to show us that they weren't fucking around. We were mostly taunting the police and debating what to do. The guy from Earth Action Network suggested that we go to Berkeley and block the cutting down of some Redwoods that was going to happen later that day. People were taking turns getting on the megaphone and screaming things at passer-bys. Joseph had his rubber snake and a large magnifying-glass lens and he was trying to scare the police by putting the snake's face into the glass and enlarging it and saying "Hey cop! It's Sicky the psycho snake!"

And one more thing: a man from the Shoshone reservation in Oklahoma appeared out of nowhere and took the *mike* and congratulated us for being there. Then he gave us a rundown of various Native-rights struggles going on in Northern California and urged us no to be intimidated by the cops and to carry on the demonstration. I didn't see where he went after that.

By 7:30 we were all pretty restless and I was hungry as hell. Something had to happen or we were all going to go home defeated. Then someone said, " Let's go to Charles Schwab!!," which is a building where people sit around and watch their stocks accumulate on an electric display board. It's the most boring place I've ever seen in my entire life.

So we went, all thirty or thirty-five of us. Up the sidewalk with the columns of riot police marching behind us to make sure we didn't do anything anti-social. We got to Charles Schwab and chanted "Stock Market crash! Jump! Jump!" Whoop. Holler. Then we moved on, picking targets as we went. We approached Citicorp. One guy from up north somewhere kept freaking out and screaming "Plastic people! Plastic lives!" at the yuppie office workers. The security guards came quickly and closed up the doors of Citicorp, after only a couple of us had entered. They shut it down for us.

So what it turned into was a hit-and-run demonstration, with fifty police following us everywhere they could. It was all in a spirit of fun and movement; most of the vocal activity was jokes and improvised slogans about wherever we were. We were acting collectively and spontaneously; we even turned around and about-faced a couple of times, when we realized we were headed up a boring street. But just about anywhere we went there was something to do, and the cops didn't want us doing it. That's the beauty of the Financial District.

The epitome was at McDonalds. We saw it down the block and people started yelling "They deserve a brick today!" "I wanna talk to Ronald!" "Big Mack Attack," etc. We converged upon it and about seven folks went inside to tell people to quit their jobs and also not to eat there. The police came charging up. "Hey there're no doughnuts in there!" said a woman next to me.

They pulled all the demonstrators out of the restaurant and then lined up in columns right inside, to prevent us from entering. I was laughing so hard my sides were hurting. It was a perfect picture of the United States: Riot police defending a McDonalds. Streams of passers-by saw all of this, and were treated to the enlightened and humorous commentary going on over the megaphone as well.

We stayed there for about twenty minutes and then moved on to run through the Sheraton Palace Hotel and scare the people eating breakfast, but by this time the cops were getting tired of looking like idiots and only got there way after we had left.

After that it started winding down and so a few friends and I went home and Martin made us some raging tacos and espresso and then I passed out on the couch.

It was a great demonstration. It showed that people can adapt to a situation and not be defeated. They can change their mind, improvise they can turn around and go back. We showed up to do a serious militant action and obviously we couldn't, so we did something else instead and had a lot of fun. And it was way removed from the usual straight-on, linear march down Market street that usually happens in San Francisco. It seems that people fall too willingly into the accepted forms of demonstration: i.e. march somewhere, always going forward, until the police get in our way and block us with military-style tactics, as they have been trained to do, and have been given practice in, by us. That is an acceptable form of expression and the authorities know how to deal with it. At times we scuffle, somebody gets arrested, etc. The idea is to keep them guessing, keep from being the expected opposition , and to thereby keep ourselves feeling empowered. The question is: would it have been as much fun without the police following us? I don't know. We'll have to try it again and see.

So remember: Be creative! Have fun! Get 'em where they're lease expecting it! Use their tactics against them! Stay one step ahead, because you can't fool people with the same trick twice, even police.

"Green marketing is really an inherent contradiction"—so says Resa Dimino of the Environmental Action Foundation, quoted by Karen Klein in *Student Lawyer* (May). "The ultimate environmental act...is consuming less, not more," Dimino adds. "The production and consumption of goods necessarily has adverse environmental impacts, [a multistate attorneys-general] task force concluded. Product use and disposal can be made to lessen harm on environment, but cannot be 'good' for the environment."

MADNESS

I hear the horrifying screams of a little child being physically, sexually, and psychologically abused---Silent screams of those whose anger remains hidden---To come out in sudden "unexplained" acts of violence to themselves or others around them.

Capitalist family dynamics, racism, classism, "factory schools", pecking order jobs, the raping of our EARTH, lies, illusions, societal hype--so much violence-so much anguish-we feel it, each of us in some way--And then it comes out in acts of "MADNESS."

This article came to mind not when I "vicariously" watched "the insurrections-riots" in L.A. Afterall classism and racism do lead to violence-so we say, and "hey I wasn't involved." But then I did become directly INVOLVED-when I watched it on T.V. the trashing to the two taxicabs, after the Chicago Bulls victory, by European descended affluent suburbanites. I own a red and white taxicab. THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ME--I went "nuts." Yelling at the images before me-I felt so keenly the anguish of the small independent owners of these cabs, as they watched their means to survive in this society be demolished, with each stomp--by THESE affluent, no working yuppie pigs. Notice the phraseology even now I am angry. I paint THEM with stereotypes..Fantasies leapt into my head-their violence-my violence-I wanted not to shoot them, but rather to break their arms and legs with a baseball bat so that they would be crippled-as I would be crippled had that been me!

In the days following these events a phrase kept popping into my head---

" WHEN THE MADNESS STARTS THERE ARE NO INNOCENTS AND EVERYTHING BECOMES JUSTIFIED"

I wanted to see myself as an innocent-But there are no innocents-Each of us shares this technological cesspool we call U.S. society. And the madness is all around-And it is accelerating-As our world begins to disintegrate more and more. I cannot just point fingers at the affluent suburbanites who trashed the cabs. Their madness is born of their own oppressions, even if they be different than mine...But what frightens me is that When the madness starts, EVERYTHING BECOMES JUSTIFIED or so I was becoming. AND I DON'T WANT TO BE LIKE THAT!

I came across a quote by William Blake the English poet who said,

When the senses
Are Shaken, and the soul is driven to madness
Who can stand? When the souls of the oppressed
Fight in the troubled air that rages,
Who can stand?

I want to stand. As an anarchist communist I want to be more than just a property owner defending his rights!

The years ahead are going to be very difficult. I can see it and feel it happening...LET US STAND TOGETHER--And begin building new collective, consensus, self reliant culture---THAT CAN FORGE A NEW WAY THROUGH THIS "troubled air." - PURPLE BRUISE

The following is a second response to the critique of Thinking Faction (a regular video-showing-with-discussion-event put on by Chicago anarchists) by The Emergency Committee of Anomic Scientists, which appeared in Wind Chill Factor #6...

Yes, I am the culprit. I, along with a womyn named Nicole began Thinking Faction 3 years ago or so at Holsom Roc Art Gallery. Every Friday night for a whole year we showed films that were unavailable in theatres -- breaking/ignoring copyright laws -- showing films of political/social nature for free. A donation hat went around to help Holsom Roc pay their rent. It was partly a protest against the outrageously high theatre prices -- 5 to 7 bucks a shot! And it gave ordinary folks a chance to see real filmmaking by directors who consider it still to be an artform. But that's not all. We also had several lectures by folks from various groups who would come in, give a talk, show their video, and then facilitate the discussion. Some of the groups/topics included the John Brown Anti-Klan Committee showing "The History of the Klan", ACT-UP showing "Before Stonewall", and Irish Northern Aid showing a video on the British occupation of Northern Ireland (I suppose the Emergency Committee would rather have the whole audience magically transported to Belfast for this educational event -- but for obvious reasons this was impossible). Other groups included CISPES with a film on El Salvador, the Committee to End the Marion Lockdown, etc. etc. We had many good discussions and I personally learned a lot about different issues/global situations, etc.

Spectacles? What's a spectacle? I thought spectacles were things you wear to see better with. "The autonomous movement of the non-living" -- are you talking about "Night of the Living Dead"? Somehow the situationist rhetoric loses me at times...

You quote that the discussions following the movies are on "false pretenses and with false means" -- now that's just rubbish. You're saying that everything on celluloid is a "false pretense" -- well obviously everyone knows that. A drama is just a drama and a documentary is just a documentary, etc. You'd have to be real dense to confuse them with real life -- they are intrinsically distortions of reality -- some more distorted than others -- that's why we refuse to allow ourselves to lie passive viewers by engaging in face-to-face, non-alienated dialogue. And you call this false means??? Not so. The reality is that there are too few public forums in which to critique and critically think about/discuss the medias that bombard us. And when you get your "entertainment" outside of the official "marketplace" you are taking a step towards forming an alternative to "commodity kulture". The film is critiqued for its ability to stimulate thought -- and challenge popular perceptions -- for better or for worse. Its inherent value not its exchange value (how it does at the box office) is what's important to us. So in conclusion I'm for critical viewing not passive viewing. If you want to smash your TV fine. But I'd rather use technology for good purposes: To stimulate thought/discussion, spread new ideas, and educate people about certain issues, than to simply destroy it altogether.

Thanks for reading.

D.L.

The Wicked Will of the North

The world has been going through some serious shit lately huh? Major shifts in policy and ideology needless to say. Priorities, however, have remained the same in my view. You know me, it's all about white/ Euro-supremacy.

The contest between Soviet style communism and Western corporate capital has been decided. Now it's just a matter of deciding the process of world conquer by the Northern hemisphere... it's a new game. Enter the U.S. and Russia.

Yeltsin and Bush met recently to discuss"peace" and disarmament. So many multi-warhead missiles will be disemployed by the year 2003. Somehow I don't get a lot of comfort from that when Yeltsin was quoted as saying: "The next time our two countries go to war, it won't be against one another". Just an allusion? Enter Iraq.

We all saw how the u.s. stood by britain in defending their neo-colony, Kuwait. All reason and information was withheld for the purpose of securing land and oil rights for the West (though I believe we should start calling it the North). Now we are hearing that u.s. intelligence report states that Iraq has gotten stronger in both military and infrastructure (two buzz-concepts from the war) in the last year since the war ended. And, Hussein is still in power (who else could the Allies count on to keep the Iraqi population under control?). If The North ever needed excuses to move in, they would have them in the minds of many. Villanization is getting so much easier for these masters of the art. Himmler would be proud. But wait, there's more.

INSUBMISION!!

The delay of the release of the German hostages by Lebanon was also major news at this time. This delay caused the holdover of the German officials that were retrieving them, in effect, holding them hostage. Speaking of illegal detention: Enter Mexico.

It seems that a Dr. from Mexico who was aiding the torture of u.s. d.e.a. agents was extradited to the u.s. under a new ruling by the Supreme Court. South Africa overturned a similar ruling recently, (which isn't surprising since the u.s. imprisons 5 times as many blacks every day than S. Africa) making the u.s. the most elite of companies in this regard. Regardless of this Dr.'s activities his extradition sets precedent for future u.s. actions. It also sets in motion the paranoia against our southern neighbors of terrorism and a threat of counter-extradition by other countries. Don't think this far fetched, I've already heard the ramblings of the right suggest these fears to the populace via television.

What do all of these activities have in common besides the implications of northern alliance and southern threat? They all happened within a 32-hour period and were heavily hyped on the major media lines for two days. More than just a coincidence maybe? Why would there be such a threat, why would we be so heavily bombarded? I know this can't be wrapped up for us all neatly in one word, but much of it has to do with the reality that industrial rape is running out of victims, Northern dependence on exploitive industry is running out of room. Resources are the main targets. Ideology, religion, and misinformation are the justification for the taking of human life in the form of war. The vampires need resources.

QUIT FIGHTING EACH OTHER

Where is there left for the North to go? The industrial revolution has left most of North America ravaged. It's the same across Asia. The S.U. and U.S. were merciless in their exploitation, and who knows what's happening in China. We do know that Southeast Asia is hell, and who's behind that? Europe and the U.S. The "National" forests in the U.S. look like huge checkerboards from clearcutting. Toxic dumping and underground nuclear blasts are just the surface roughage of the overall problem. Chernobyl is only what the S.U. is telling us right now. Mounds and mounds of scrap waste and unidentified material stretch across the northern part of Asia like a ridge that almost seems purposeful, but only proves the ineffectiveness an laziness of bureaucratic government. It helps to use this reality when trying to make sense of Afghanistan, another North/South conflict involving European ideologies at the expense of non-European people of color.

It may be oversimplifying things by saying that this is a white vs. people of color issue, but the facts remain. The Columbus/Vatican/Calvinist connection(John Calvin was a Protestant European theologian who built an ideology of slaving based on the theological concepts of predestination, manifest destiny and the "Lordship of Christ". His philosophy is the basis of prejudice among many white North Americans) is very strong these days, neo-colonial imperialism is at a stage of development where more than ever it's relying on "imagination", "hope", and "faith" as a justification for it's activities as opposed to any factual understanding of it's real effect on the Planet that we live on.

-Sedov Trevor Lucien, S.W. Great Lakes Region Northamerica-

IF WE WANT CHANGE IT DEPENDS ON US ALL

UNITE!

RECANT: SEDOV TREVOR LUCIEN

I would like to bring your attention to the last paragraph of the piece called "Hey Buddy Can You Spare a Millennium" which was entered in WCF #4:

"As a white North American I in no way intend to portray myself as an oppressed person in real terms or as an authority on the liberation of the land and it's people. I wouldn't consider the idea of offering advice to oppressed people on how to accomplish this. I whole-heartedly and respectfully accept whatever actions they deem necessary. The observation that I make in solidarity and respect for these people could very well be absurd, I intend only to attempt to educate and stimulate my own people by stating it. The ideas of survival that are embraced by the people that our system oppresses need room to grow and prove the disease of the current situation. A great deal would be gained by all if the Native peoples of this Continent could re-establish their nations on what we call these "state" parks and "national" forest "preserves." From these areas the healthy and whole ideas of a society that lives in harmony with it's planet would undoubtably spread and retake the land diseased by profit-motivated Euro-established industry. -Sedov Trevor Luzcien, Warren Dunes "state" park"

Kind of silly huh? The "national" forests and "state" parks are rather marginal these days, I'm not sure I'd want to suggest that as a means of restoring anything. I've been full of shit before, it's been known to happen, but we all learn and grow. Maybe we should just accept whatever means that indigenous people decide for their own liberation. Although my suggestion was directed toward white Northamericans it could still use some analysis, even if I have to do it myself. I'll be sure to tell you if I'm full of shit again. -Sedov Trevor Luzcien

"We may have been happy with the land that was originally reserved to us. But continually over the years more and more of our land has been stolen from us by the Canadian and U.S. governments. In the 19th Century, our land was stolen from us for economic reasons because the land was lush and fertile and abounded with food. We were left with what white society thought was worthless land...

Today, what was once called worthless land suddenly becomes valuable as the technology of white society advances. White society would now like to push us off our reservations because beneath the barren land lie valuable mineral and oil resources. It is not a new development for white society to steal from nonwhite peoples. When white society succeeds it's called colonialism. When white society's efforts to colonize people are met with resistance it's called war. But when the colonized Indians of North America meet to stand and resist we are called criminals." -Leonard Peltier

For more information on Leonard Peltier, write the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, P.O. Box 583, Lawrence, KS, 66044, 913-842-5774. You can also write Leonard Peltier, #89637-132, P.O. Box 1000, Leavenworth, KS, 66048.

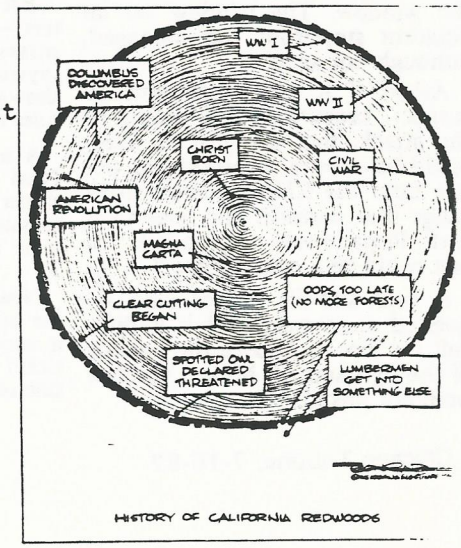
Leonard Peltier

"We may have been happy with the land

The Zuni Way of the Ancestors

There's a mesa, called sacred Corn Mountain,
where the Zuni Way still reigns supreme in ev'ry heart;
Proud, independent heirs of Popé's revolutionary fountain,
where the Shalako still dances to the sacred rain gods;
A culture still deep in its aboriginal kivas, clans and roots,
prayer sticks, sacred cornmeal and purification rites;
Deerskin moccasins and leggings instead of Western-styled boots;
never signed a treaty! and the Zuni tongue is still spoken right
Join hands like we did at Puget Sound and sacred Blue Lake,
and the vic'try at Point Concepcion's stand,
And o'er the G.O. Road when Medicine Rock was at stake,
they're still standin' on the land, still standin' on the land.

Tashunka Raven



THE GIVING OF LOVE COSTS NOTHING

FLURRIES

If you don't like the news, go out and make some of your own.

BAD COP = NO DONUT!

Evanston police site vandalized

By Jon Hilkevitch

Evanston police on Tuesday called it a case of routine vandalism, but this wasn't just any broken window.

On Saturday, a large paper sign with blue lettering was put up in the window of an empty storefront on the Evanston side of Howard Street, part of an area long plagued by vice and gang activity. The sign announced to the neighborhood the coming opening of an Evanston Police Department community outpost.

By Sunday morning, less than 24 hours later, the large picture window of the storefront, at 745 W. Howard St., had been reduced to glass shards and a board-up service was nailing up plywood.

The Howard Street facility will be the second one in Evanston. A police community outpost already is operating in another high-crime area. Its office, at 1817 Church St., is near Evanston Township High School.

Police Chief Ernest Jacobi has assured the City Council that his department will show "no tolerance with gang members" and will target locations known to involve gang activity.

"We're looking at it as vandalism rather than an act of gang defiance," Evanston Police Cmdr. John Popadowski said Tuesday. "Someone threw a rock through the window. The window on an adjacent storefront was damaged, although not as much."

Asked if it was reasonable to suspect, because of the timing of the attack, that this just as likely could have been a message to police from the Chicago-based street gangs that consider the area their turf, Popadowski responded: "It just could be a coincidence."

A rank-and-file officer who requested anonymity said it is difficult for him to believe the posting of the sign and the broken window were not linked.

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● In March police captain Richard Dana in Rivei side, California, rescinded a department policy that officers not answer the home alarms of people who had not paid the city's $25 alarm-license fee. Dana was responding to criticism after a 35-year-old woman, who had not paid her fee, had been beaten and raped by an intruder while police ignored her alarm.

The summer camp from hell. From a recent press release: "Can freedom of expression go too far? What limits guide the police? Should the state interfere in privacy issues? If those subjects interest you, and you have completed any grades from 9 through 12, you may want to attend Northern Illinois University's summer Law Camp July 26-31."

TERRORIST

Video tells Australian officer to police thyself

BRISBANE, Australia (Reuters)—An Australian police commissioner booked himself for jaywalking Tuesday after being shown on television breaking the rules of crossing a road.

A news program showed film of Noel Newnham, police commissioner of the state of Queensland, crossing a road illegally near Brisbane police headquarters on June 29.

Newnham said that after seeing the broadcast and on the advice of a senior officer he issued himself a ticket for jaywalking and paid a fine of $5—$3.70 in U.S. dollars.

AP Laserphoto

A New York police officer pulls away a protester Monday night during the rampage in Washington Heights. One person was killed in the violence over the fatal shooting by a police officer.

Hundreds of patrolling riot cops turned the New York neighborhood of Washington Heights into a police state after rioting broke out on July 6 over the fatal shooting of a neighborhood Hispanic man by a police officer. When 200 residents were blocked from marching by police, conflict ensued, and soon cars were being overturned and fires set in the street. One street was turned into a memorial with hundreds of white candles spelling out the victim's nickname. One man fell to his death after being chased across rooftops by police. On July 7 rioting again broke out, with 24 arrested and 20 injured. 14 more were arrested and 5 officers injured when skirmishing broke out again on the 9th. Bravo to Community Action!

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In early June it was revealed that Chicago police are graded and promoted on a point system that awards points for arrests regardless of the outcome of prosecution. The system, geared more towards boosting arrest statistics than making legal arrests and "fighting crime", is weighted in wonderful ways such that a gang bust is worth more than a rapist.

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FIGHTING RACISM EVERYWHERE

Nothing condemns racists more than their own words, as proved by Michael Loew, Grand Dragon of the Texas chapter of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan: "I'm no racist, but...My family owned yours. You were property, you filthy niggers...At least when you were slaves you worked for a living."

Thus spoke Loew at a 40-person Texas Klan rally at the end of June, one of a spate of recent racist rallies throughout the country that have not gone without confrontation:

A handful of Klan and other racists marched through Kingston, North Carolina in late June, well protected from protestors by barricades and cops from five counties.

Police arrested three anti-racist activists from a 300-strong protest denouncing about 50 Klansmen and Nazis in Birmingham, Alabama, on June 13.

30 Klansmen in Dubuque, Iowa were protected by riot cops from 500 demonstrators who threw eggs. A few fights broke out and two people were arrested.

On June 6, a rally led by Richard Barrett of the Mississippi-based Nationalist Movement in Simi Valley in support of the Rodney King verdict was opposed by about 500 anti-racists. Some fighting occurred, several cops were injured and five anti-racists arrested.

In Chicago, hate crimes are on the rise, with 168 (127 based on racial prejudice) reported in the first 6 months of this year, as compared to 242 for all of 1991. Recently, on July 5, someone tried to burn a cross on the lawn of a racially mixed family in Portage Park, but it failed to ignite. The Chicago Commission on Human Relations reports that the communities of Chicago Lawn, Ashburn, Beverly, Mt. Greenwood, and Gage Park on the South Side, and Montclare and North Park on the North Side had the highest rate of hate crimes.

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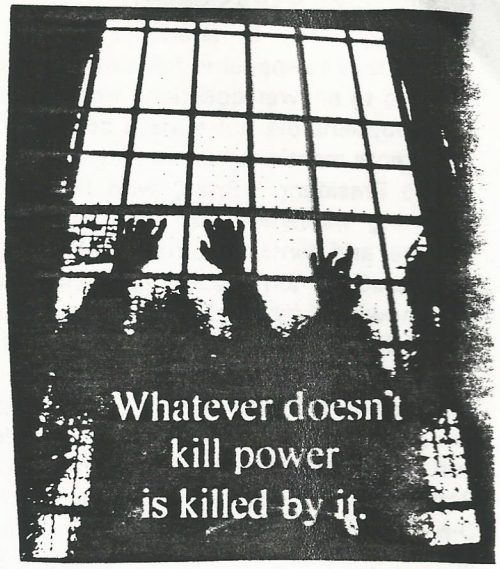
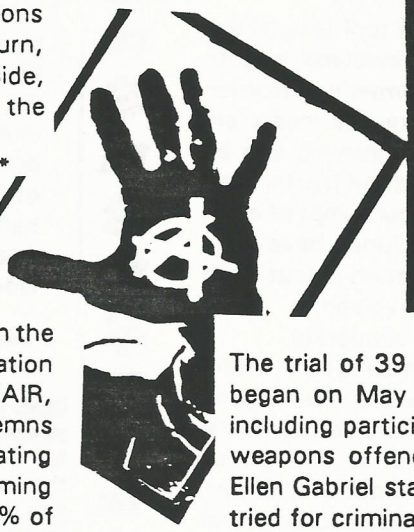
You Can Picture
by Oberc

Some fucker
planning
the whole thing
out
filling his suitcase
with the guns
stocking up
on ammunition
and taking
the train
to New York City
it'd have to start
in the middle
of the night
when everybody
was asleep
a light popping
sound
every three feet
moving on down
the line
a dozen dead
before the screams
could start
people waking up
the dead
as they try to
crawl out
their windows
with the devil
smiling
when there's
no time
for prayers....



THIS IS A RACISM- FREE ZONE

ATTACKING INDIANS, Pilgrims led by Miles Standish kill seven braves at Weymouth. The raid frustrated an uprising, warned rival colonies that the pious Pilgrims could also be ruthless.



The xenophobia that feeds into racism and fascism is on the rise in Amerikkka, if a poll commissioned by the Federation for American Immigration Reform is to be believed. FAIR, which advocates a 3-year freeze on immigration, condemns immigration (legal and illegal) for "our deteriorating infrastructure". Nothing like scapegoating and blaming social ills on the victims. The Roper poll says that 54% of Amerikkkans believe too many immigrants are being allowed in and 55% support a temporary freeze. 84% think Congress should do more to stop illegal immigration. This days before Americas Watch reports that U.S. Border Agents kill, torture, and rape illegal immigrants with impunity, indicating 11 killings since 1980 and dozens of other shootings and reports of sexual abuse and torture. "Beatings, rough physical treatment, and racially-motivated verbal abuses are routine" says the report. It is interesting to note that fascist groups in Europe have recently been getting as much as 15% of the vote in some countries by campaigning on anti-immigration platforms.

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The trial of 39 Mohawks charged in the 1990 Oka crisis began on May 11. The 39 face a total of 98 charges including participation in a riot, obstructing peace officers, weapons offences, and assault. Mohawk spokesperson Ellen Gabriel stated that "It's a farce, our people are being tried for criminal actions when its political. The Oka crisis was set off when police stormed a Mohawk roadblock set up to protest expansion of a golf course on Mohawk sacred land. One of the 39, Harold Oakes, speaking outside the courtroom, argued that "We are not criminals; we never had any criminal intent. We took a position in regard to the land." The trial is expected to last about 4 months. The Mohawks are expecting bills ranging between $250,000 and a million dollars. Donations are desperately needed at: The Akweks Fund, c/o Rhe Canadian Rights and Liberties Federation, 323 Chapel St., Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 7Z2 Canada.

from Arm The Spirit

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GRAND JURY HARASSMENT

On Friday, May 8, anarchist activist Brian Coan was subpoenaed to appear in front of a federal Grand Jury after refusing to answer questions from Secret Service agents. The subpoena did not state a specific charge, but one of the agents mentioned something about threatening the life of the President. Brian, who has been active in NY's squatting movement, is part of the group Autonome Forume, and contributes to both Arm the Spirit and Love & Rage, pledged non-cooperation with the Grand Jury, having not knowingly made any such threats and recognizing the Grand Jury as activist harassment. Support for Brian was organized and demonstrations were held on his behalf in Chicago, Minneapolis, New York, and Springfield, MA, and the Asst. U.S. Attorney's office was flooded with letters and phone calls from places as far away as London and Berlin. Brian arrived at the hearing wearing a "Live Free or Die--Anarchist Youth Federation" t-shirt and refused to answer questions until he was released after an hour and a half. The whole thing seems to have been a case of overzealousness by the Secret Service over a message on the computer network at Brian's college that said "Bush needs a bullet."

Grand Juries have been used as a tool for political repression in the past against activists involved in anti-imperialist, national liberation, and womyn's liberation struggles among others. Neither lawyers nor media are allowed into the courtroom, and those testifying can be legally compelled to answer any questions, no matter their relevance to the charges, under threat of contempt of court and imprisonment. Traditionally, Grand Juries have been used against activists to obtain information about their comrades and the movements they are involved in. Many activists have gone to jail by refusing to cooperate.

Another Grand Jury convened in Oregon in 1991 after three Animal Liberation Front actions in Washington and Oregon in which mink were liberated and damage done to two university research sites and a Fur Foods Cooperative. Two persons have been subpoenaed so far, a woman in Montana has been questioned, and an arrest warrant has been issued for Rod Coronado, a longtime activist who openly supported the actions, by the FBI. Another Grand Jury will likely convene soon in Washington state.

In view of this, we offer you the following guuidelines and suggest you keep them handy. AND KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!

OOPS! SEE INSERT!

FBI to begin gathering juveniles records

WASHINGTON—Atty. Gen. William Barr has authorized the FBI to begin collecting and distributing the state criminal histories of juvenile offenders. Previously, the FBI could collect only records of juveniles tried as adults. Barr's decision, announced Thursday, drew protests from some state and local probation and juvenile officials and praise from some law enforcement officers concerned over the rise in juvenile crime. Under the new rules, the bureau can accept, from state law enforcement agencies, fingerprint cards and arrest and conviction records of juveniles charged with "serious and/or significant offenses," Barr said. He said no state would be compelled to give any juvenile record to the FBI.

Chicago Tribune 7-10-92

The Anti-War Movement's Last Laugh

Sam Zakhem, ex-U.S. ambassador to Bahrain was indicted July 7 along with two conservative journalists for accepting $7.7 million from Kuwait, in return for which they used the money to set up two pro-Gulf War groups, Coalition for America at Risk, and the Freedom Task Force, which barraged the media massively in support of the use of force against Iraq. The three men pocketed $5.7 million for themselves. The two others were William Kennedy, former owner of the now defunct Conservative Digest and former Digest editor Scott Stanley Jr. They lobbied Congress and the Bush administration in favor of war, as well as using direct mail appeals. Prosecuting attorney Michael Norton commented that the group was "operating under the guise of patriotism, not profit." (Funny how they seem to go hand-in-hand). This shows just how public consent in this society is manufactured, and why we preferred to call it Operation Desert Scam.

Monkey Boy reporting.

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Cheer up! The government is lying to us again! "Why don't our leaders tell the people the truth? When they're going to destroy Iraq, say, why don't they announce: 'Look, we want to control the international oil system. We want to establish the principle that the world is ruled by force, because that's the only thing that we're good at. We want to prevent any independent nationalism. We've got nothing against Saddam Hussein. He's a friend of ours. He's tortured and gassed people. That was fine. But then he disobeyed orders. Therefore, he must be destroyed as a lesson to other people: Don't disobey orders.'

"Why don't they just say that? It has the advantage of being true. It's much easier to tell the truth than to concoct all sorts of crazy lies. Much less work. Why don't they say that? Because they know that people are basically decent....In fact, the more distortion and lies and deceit you hear, the more you know that people have an instinct for freedom"—Noam Chomsky in *Rolling Stone* (May 28).

Anti-Racism/Fascism Demo
Saturday 15 March 1992
B. Herd Reporting

(Czechoslovakia)It was sunny and cold at 3 p.m. on March 15. About 500 people gathered on Vacklavske Namesti-the main strip of Prague's downtown-for the Anarchist-organized demo against racism and fascism. An hour later, by the time we had marched to Old Town Square, flanked by cops and skins, there was snow. One of the organizers gave a speech from the steps of the gigantic statue in the middle of the square. He was squinting as he spoke from the bright sun or snowflakes that got in his eyes. Most of the people there were anarchist types with some of the most ornately-decorated leather jackets I've seen.

We chanted "Death to fascism" (in Czech) and "Nazis Raus." Much of the sentiment was directed at the Nazi skins who were also there and who are defamed throughout the city in graffiti adorning many a building.

The marching and speaking lasted about an hour and a half at which point there was an impromptu dash off to the German Embassy, where another of the organizers recanted the sordid tale of the Czech anarchists who'd gone to Germany to protest the signing of the "friendship agreement" between Germany and Czechoslovakia and were arrested by the cops and had all their shit taken away.

They apparently got everything back, except, as the speaker was quick to point out, his sunglasses. "And I want those sunglasses back!" he said as he glanced over his shoulder at the great door of the German Embassy. The crowd laughed in echo.

The demo was more an expression of anger and solidarity against the fascists and ended without a specific list of demands or concrete plans for further anti-fascist activities.

There was another clash between anarchists and Nazis on May Day when rocks were thrown at the anarchists during the day's demonstrations. Although full physical conflict was prevented by Prague cops, animosity was high and there was fighting as anarchists retaliated against the Nazi skins.

fight the real enemy...
FIGHT RACISM!

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If it's humiliating to be ruled, how much more degrading is it to choose our masters?

Thor Swift/prognosis

May Day, from Opposite Ends of the Political Spectrum

Police arrested 58 people on May 1 in Prague following a clash between about 200 anarchists and 150 skinheads. The skinheads said they were protesting "anarchists, drug addicts, robbers and illegal money dealers."

The clash occurred during a simultaneous demonstration by about 700 anarchists around the city regarding the upcoming parliamentary elections. The anarchist demonstration had been permitted by local law officials, while the skinhead protest had not.

Police seized a legally owned 7.65 mm gun and an imitation firearm during the fight, and one person was charged with attacking a public official while 39 others were charged with other offenses at the protest, according to a Prague police spokesman (photo above shows anarchist being arrested by masked police).

Former Communist Minister of Defense Miroslav Vacek signs autographs at a May Day rally attended by 30,000 people (photo below).

In a completely different May Day celebration, students at Palacký University in Olomouc, North Moravia, held a May Day celebration, during which they claimed President Václav Havel as their favorite Czechoslovak politician and Mickey Mouse as the king of their celebrations, because Mickey is an "ideal apolitical figure."

from Prognosis

Times You
by Oberc

Got to pay
attention

He decided
to stay
an extra day
and was waiting
for the subway
in one of the
safest stops
in town
it was just
two groups
of kids
to him
drunk
and calling
names

What pisses
me off
is the way
people
ask for
trouble
how they
don't put
these things
together
how they
stand between
two local gangs
on the edge
of violence
and don't
get out of
the way

The bullet
got him
in the chest
and they
couldn't
find
the gun....

5 reported killed in Iran riots

From Chicago Tribune wires

TEHRAN—Riot-hit areas of the Iranian city of Mashhad were sealed off Sunday after hundreds of people were rounded up following bloody street protests, according to city residents. Contacted by telephone Sunday, the residents said up to six people were believed killed in the unrest. They said areas worst affected by the riots had been sealed off by security forces. Two million people live in the city. Reports in Iran said the rioters were protesting government and municipality moves to evict squatters. The rioters burned buses, wrecked banks and looted government buildings. The Iraq-based Mujahideen Khalq opposition movement said in statement sent to Reuters in Nicosia, Cyprus, that martial law had been declared and that 1,000 people were arrested in the northeastern city. Official government reaction was limited to statements that offenders would be punished severely. On Sunday night, Tehran television, which did not refer to shooting or casualties, aired only film of the riot aftermath.

Iran hangs 4 dissident leaders

NICOSIA, Cyprus—Four Iranians were hanged Wednesday for leading anti-government riots in the northeastern city of Mashad, Tehran radio said. Other demonstrators were sentenced to lashings or prison terms, the radio said, but it did not provide details.

Chicago Tribune, 6-1-92 and 6-11-92

AP Laserphoto

South Korean students, police battle

South Korean students and others once again show us how to do it in a series of anti-government actions. On May 19, 50,000 demonstrators all over the country took part in actions against the ruling party nominating it's second highest official, Kim Young-sam for president. Riot police in Seoul fought with 20,000 rock-throwing and club-wielding protestors for 5 hours as they marched to the city center and then to the candidates house, carrying an effigy of him with an X marked on it, and demanding an end to authoritarian rule. On June 1st, students again clashed with police at a rally demanding the disbanding of the ruling Democratic Liberal Party. On June 22, over 100 young protestors attacked the party headquarters in the morning and a handful briefly barricaded themselves inside before being subdued by police.

source: Profane Existence and capitalist media lackeys

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Bush flees Panama tear gas

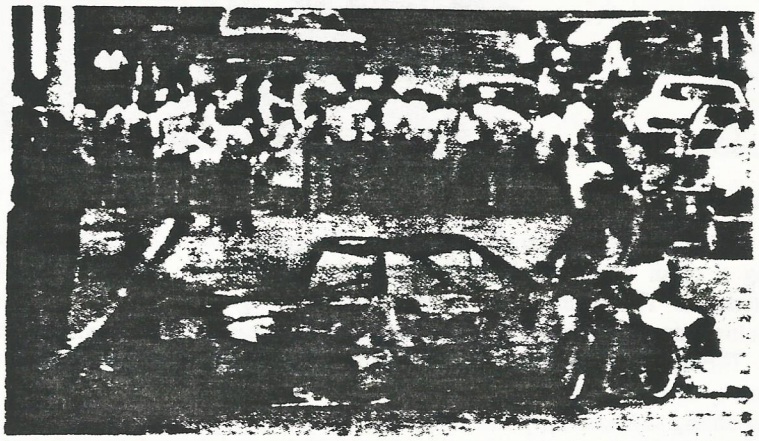
Reuters photo

President Bush grimaces from tear gas as a bodyguard covers him with a bulletproof coat.

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Can you say Just Desserts? Cheers to the Panamanian people, who demonstrated, disrupted traffic, smashed windows on American-owned cars, barricaded streets, set fires, and rioted for two days before Bush appeared in their country. Calling him an assassin and decrying the U.S. invasion of their country, they trashed the park where he was speaking the day before. The U.S. media downplayed the protestors, falsely calling them supporters of Noriega. Two American soldiers were also ambushed, leaving one dead and one wounded, and an Air Base guard station was sprayed with bullets.

On the day of Bush's visit, trigger-happy police over-tear-gassed the rock-throwing demonstrators, and shifting winds made a joke out of an appearance that was supposed to bolster Bush's image by pushing his "foreign policy accomplishments"!



Vehicle belonging to a US soldier was burned during the anti-Bush demonstration in Panama.

Greek finance chief escapes rocket attack

ATHENS—Greece's finance minister escaped serious injury Tuesday in a powerful rocket explosion in central Athens that killed one man and injured six other people, authorities said. Police said the blast was caused by an anti-tank rocket, a weapon used in the past by the leftist terror group November 17. The explosion came as Finance Minister Yannis Paleokrassas and his wife left the Finance Ministry in an armor-plated car. Officials said the rocket missed Paleokrassas' car and hit another vehicle.

Chicago Tribune 7-15-92

CHARADE

Following American politics
is like watching
pro wrestling.
We all know
it's a charade
but still we watch

Some even rush
to ringside
and join in

only to find
only to find
the joke's
on us

- Bob Slaymaker

Ten Recommended Attitudes About Technology

1. Since most of what we are told about new technology comes from its proponents, be deeply skeptical of all claims.
2. Assume all technology "guilty until proven innocent."
3. Eschew the idea that technology is neutral or "value free." Every technology has *inherent and identifiable* social, political, and environmental consequences.
4. The fact that technology has a natural flash and appeal is meaningless. Negative attributes are slow to emerge.
5. Never judge a technology by the way it benefits you personally. Seek a holistic view of its impacts. The operative question is not whether it benefits you, but who benefits most? And to what end?
6. Keep in mind that an individual technology is only one piece of a larger web of technologies, "megatechnology." The operative question here is how the individual technology fits the larger one.
7. Make distinctions between technologies that primarily serve the individual or the small community (e.g., solar energy) and those that operate on a scale outside of community control (e.g., nuclear energy). The latter kind is the major problem of the day.
8. When it is argued that the benefits of the technological lifeway are worthwhile despite harmful outcomes, recall that Lewis Mumford referred to these alleged benefits as "bribery." Cite the figures about crime, suicide, alienation, drug abuse, as well as environmental and cultural degradation.
9. Do not accept the homily that "once the genie is out of the bottle you cannot put it back," or that rejecting a technology is impossible. Such attitudes induce passivity and confirm victimization.
10. In thinking about technology within the present climate of technological worship, emphasize the negative. This brings balance. Negativity is positive.

•Jerry Mander's "In the Absence of the Sacred"

Turkish military forces launched an offensive on the Kurdish people in SE Turkey (NE Kurdistan) on the Kurdish Newroz (New Years Holiday), March 21. As military forces moved into Kurdish villages they met resistance from militants. By the end of the first day the toll was 93 dead, over 300 wounded, and over 1000 arrested. The attack has included police opening fire on demonstrators, aerial bombings of villages, and the use of chemical weapons. Thousands of Kurds have been rounded up and moved.

The Western press has blacked out this information, which was passed on to European solidarity groups and then around the world. Western governments, who demonized Iraq and justified their invasion of it for massacring Kurds, has turned a blind eye to the situation.

Here's a rundown of actions taken against the Turkish crackdown:

On March 21, 30 Kurds went inside the Turkish Embassy in Oslo, Norway, and trashed it while a demonstration was held out front. 39 Kurds were arrested and went on hungerstrike. Kurdish solidarity groups run by communists and left radicals showed their true colors by denouncing the embassy sacking.

On March 22, the Turkish urban guerilla group Dev Sol (Revolutionary Left) exploded two powerful bombs outside a police station near the Istanbul stock exchange.

On March 23, 6 Kurds were arrested in Athens, Greece after smashing windows on an airline agency and fighting with the police.

A machine-gun attack on a bus carrying employees on the National Intelligence Agency in Istanbul, which killed two, was probably the responsibility of Dev Sol.

In Brussels, Belgium, a group of Kurdish demonstrators wielding hammers smashed the windows on the Turkish Embassy while 150 Kurds occupied the European Parliament for 5 hours.

On March 24, demonstrations in the Netherlands and Germany turned violent. In England, 100 cops attacked a Kurdish protest of 400, leaving 30 injured, 9 hospitalized, and 17 arrested.

On March 26 the German government announced a temporary end to arms shipments to Turkey.

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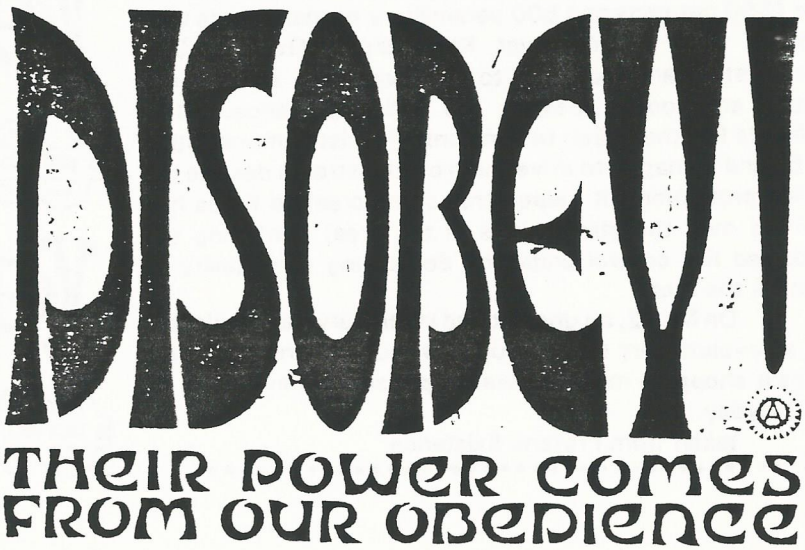
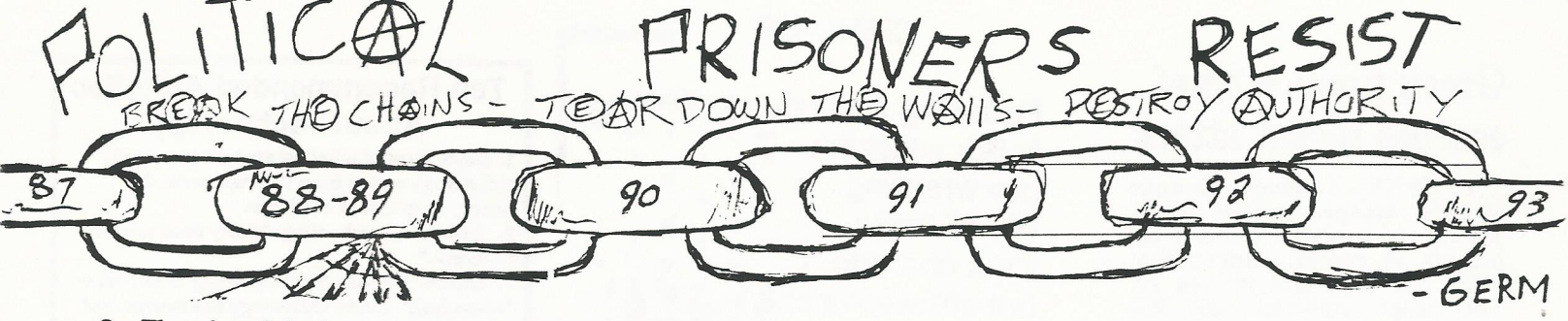




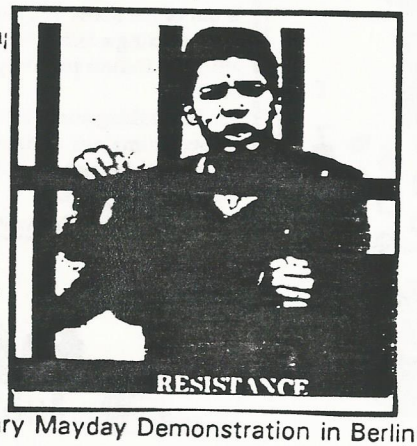
On Thursday, July 9, nearly 100 people gathered outside Police Headquarters to demand some explanation of the progress concerning suspended Lt. Commander Jon Burge. Burge has been under investigation concerning his direct/indirect hand in torturing up to 70 Black men. Under his Area III command, accusations were sustained of the systematic torture. He was since promoted.

Protestors exhibited wariness and rage about expressing themselves on the terms of the oppressor, and made clear their promise to take back their lives. During the demonstration, a police board meeting was in progress. The board was addressed by representatives from the protest.

A member of the outraged community questioned newly appointed Police Superintendent Matt Rodriguez about his thoughts on Burge. Rodriguez had no ties previously with the Burge/City Hall/Office of Professional Standards cover-up. On this date he made his alliance clear by passing the buck to the Police Foundation in Washington D.C., wiping away even the illusion of democracy by accepting the decision of centralized power and embracing autocracy. D.C. will be the source from which Rodriguez makes his decision. D.C. is going to impose upon us the coming decision about Burge.

Matt Rodriguez=New Puppet, Same Shit

Wallis R. Melton reportin



The annual Revolutionary Mayday Demonstration in Berlin this year was not quite as fun as previous years thanks to the 4500 riot cops and 500 paramilitary border guards who kept a tight control over Kreuzberg. Over 10,000 participated, and managed to get away with some minor rioting and looting despite the police presence. 400 militants left the march to confront a fascist demonstration of 50 and managed to drive them off the streets despite the police protection. It helped that some creative types had painted over the street signs in the area, confusing the exported riot control units and decreasing their ability to control the area.

On May 2, an unexploded incendiary device planted by a Revolutionary Cells group was found in one of Berlin's largest shopping malls. It was supposed to have gone off on Mayday.

taken from Profane Existence

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1 killed in Leavenworth prison melee

From Chicago Tribune wires

LEAVENWORTH, Kan.—Inmates took over part of a maximum-security federal prison for several hours Sunday night, an official said. One inmate was stabbed to death and three were injured. About 300 inmates took over an auditorium, food service area and recreation yard, prison spokesman Chuck Strickland said early Monday. Authorities restored order after several hours, and inmates were back in their cells by midnight, Strickland said. No prison staff members were hurt or taken hostage during the takeover. Strickland said one inmate was stabbed to death, and three were hospitalized. He wouldn't say how badly the others were hurt.

from the Chicago Tribune 7-6-92

A demonstration was held on July 11 outside of Westville MCC, near Valparaiso, Indiana, to protest brutal and inhumane conditions at the prison, one of several control units in the U.S.

The atrocities performed at Westville are unique, created in that prison. While most control units, despite 23 hour isolation, allow the basic luxuries of TV and radio, at Westville prisoners are forbidden books, TV's, radios, and contact visits. Phone rights and communication with other prisoners are severely limited. During "disciplinary" proceedings, prisoners are stripped to boxer shorts and forced to sit in frigid cells. Guards frequently shackle prisoners and firehose them with 200lb pressure ice cold water. Prisoners have also been rushed by six baton wielding guards who would, without warning, beat, choke, and kick the prisoners while shouting racist and derogatory epithets. Following these attacks, prisoners are then strapped face down for hours or days at a time.

A demonstration of nearly 150 people, including Mennonites, anarchists, nationalists, artists, and human rights campaigners commenced at City Hall and featured a variety of speakers. At the prison, protestors were blocked from approaching the main gatehouse but vigorously confronted the prison guards. After several speakers the demo moved across the street as paroled prisoners risk arrest by protesting on prison grounds. A relative of a prisoner brought to attention the lack of care taken by prison guards driving by the demo as they would nearly miss demonstrators. Protestors responded to her request to block the driveway, and soon she was bumped by a car. She responded with rage and struck back at the car. Other protestors and herself refused to allow her to be arrested, and she made it to her car and left safely.

A goal was made to bring 500 people the next year as July 11 was declared an annual Indiana Prisoner Day of Solidarity.

Wallis R. Melton reporting

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WHO'S THE REAL TERRORIST?

Chicago

Firebombs removed from rail overpass

Twenty-one "improvised Molotov cocktails" were found hanging Wednesday morning from a railroad overpass at Foster Avenue, police said.

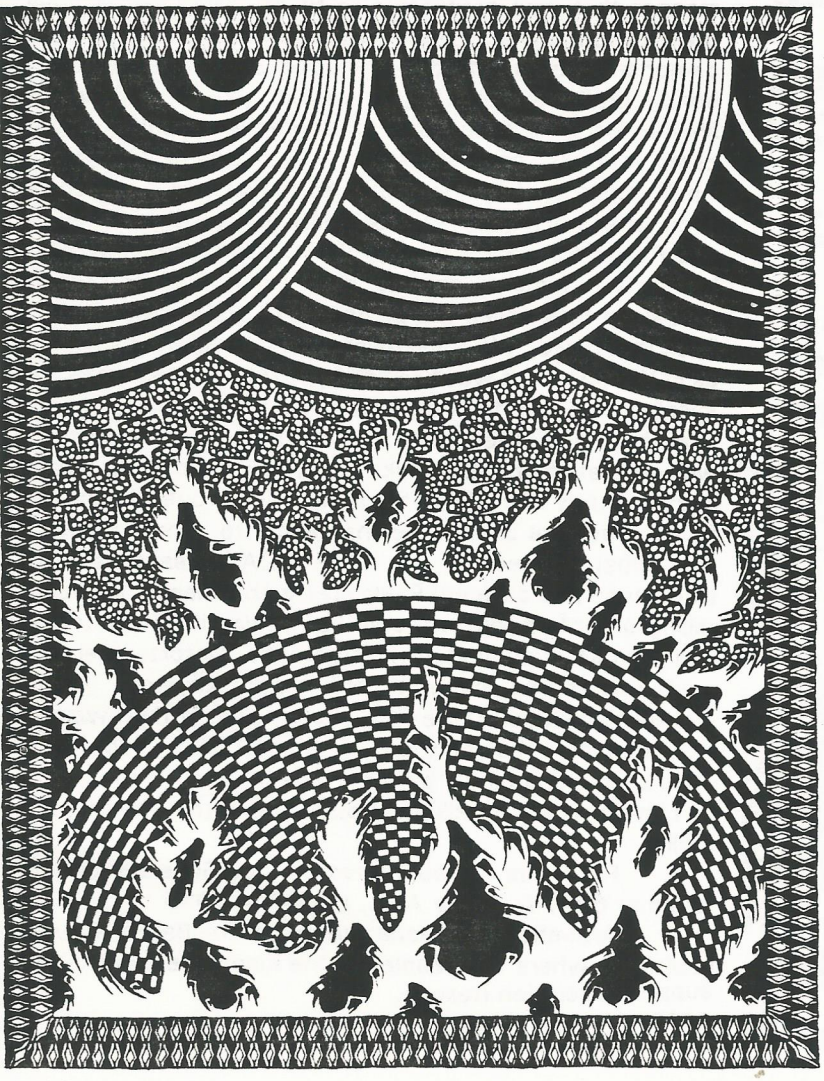
Police speculated they were the work of animal-rights activists who objected to advertisements on the overpass for a nearby fur store.

Police had to block traffic on Foster and Ravenswood Avenues near the overpass as well as trains on the Chicago & North Western North line for more than an hour while the devices were removed and rendered harmless, said Cmdr. Joseph Grubisic of the bomb and arson unit.

He said only one of the devices, all made from peanut butter jars, had completely ignited, and it caused minor damage to a sign for Keim Fur Shop, 1820 W. Foster Ave.

"I think they were looking to destroy the signs, but it was very dangerous," Grubisic said. "What if somebody walks by and burning gasoline falls on them? What if a woman is walking by with a baby in a stroller?"

Chicago Tribune, 7-8-92



THE EARTH FIRST! DAY OF OUTRAGE against the U.S. Forest Disservice on April 21st (John Muir's birthday) was celebrated with at least 30 EF! actions in 18 states. The mostly rainy but spirited actions featured guerilla theatre, banner-hanging, tree stump dumping (2 truckloads!), woodchip & cowpie dumping, and closed down Forest Dervice offices.

EARTH NIGHT (everynight!) was celebrated all over the world by eager ecoteuers, with at least 6 different publicized actions: Two log loaders were burned in different locations in Washington on March 9 and March 23, causing $325,000 in damage total. In Florida, a shear (which cuts trees), two skidders, and a loader were burned on March 30, causing about $500,000 damage. On January 31st, 35 members of EFAP, a Greek anti-hunting initiative, destroyed a number of illegally constructed hunting huts in wetlands home to the last remaining *Albicilla heliaetus*. On the night of April 21st, the last fire lookout tower in a New York State wilderness was toppled, its legs hacksawed. The NY Dept. of Environmental Conservation had called for the removal of all the lookout towers, but this one had been kept standing after outcries from local Wise-Use advocates who liked to have beer-drinking, bottle-throwing parties in the wilderness. In British Columbia's Walbran Valley at least 85 trees were spiked in an area about to be clearcut, and in mid-May several thousand dollars worth of logging equipment was damaged. Finally, a vehicle was damaged and a building glued shut and spraypainted with "Developers out of Blackleaf" and "Keep it Wild" at a natural gas well site in Montana.

--gently culled from Earth First!, Beltain & Litha 1992

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People from the communities of Albion and Little River, assissted by Earth Firstlers, have launched a direct action campaign against timber giant Louisiana Pacific's timber harvest plans in the Albion River watershed on the Northern California coast. Actions have included tree sitting, demonstrations, lock downs on machinery, and blockades of access roads. LP has responded with mass arrests, logger violence and intimidation, injunctions and temporary restraining orders, and even a SLAPP lawsuit (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation), which Ralph Nader calls "blatant attempts by corporations to bully citizens into silence." Earth First! and the Albion Nation people vow to continue fighting.

from Earth First! and the Industrial Worker

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ORGANIZE

For a moment the kidnapping of Exxon executive Sidney Reso seemed to have political motivations when responsibility was claimed by a group calling itself the "Rainbow Warriors". Oh-so-radical Greenpeace immediately acted to disavow any connections (they have a ship called R.W.) and even went so far as to condemn the action and called for their arrest and punishment. Well, it turns out Reso wasn't abducted by eco-freaks who were going to take him on a tour of Prince William Sound, but by a greedy ex-security manager of Exxon with his wife. The couple botched the whole ordeal, shot Reso in the arm and let him die, and were caught by the FBI.

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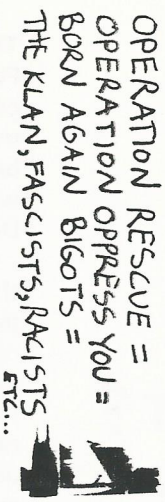
There's been a great deal of activity about abortion rights around the Chicago area. First of all, a bunch of us from Baklava went up to help defend clinics from Operation Rescue, Missionaries to the Preborn, Lambs of Christ, and Youth for America in Milwaukee. Fortunately, so did many other people. The NOW-nazis tried to keep the areas around the clinics under martial law. They actually tried to make us sign in, and agree to be entirely non-confrontational to the antis (needless to say, they didn't really like our answers too much). No tactics of any sort were used by our side, it was sheer force of numbers (they, on the other hand, sent their kids crawling through police lines). The clinics were just surrounded by pro-choicers yelling chants. Thus, there wasn't much for us to do and we came home unsatisfied and annoyed with liberal, control-hungry feminist organizations.



Back in Chicago, four medical clinics that perform abortions were anonymously stink-bombed. Butyric acid (a chemical that smells like vomit) was poured in the lobbies of their buildings. The police have no leads.

Then, the verdict from Planned Parenthood vs. Casey came down (which said parental consent, waiting periods, watching a film on fetal development, and having your name subject to public disclosure were legal, but spousal consent was not), and unfortunately all hell didn't quite break loose. There was a demonstration called for by the Emergency Clinic Defense Coalition on the day that the hearing came down, and it was pretty good. Then, the next day there was a small (5 person) demonstration in front of Joe Sheidler's house at 7am. He's the head of the Pro-Life Action League, author of "Closed: 99 Ways to Shut Down Abortion Clinics", and a complete misogynist pig. We played in his sprinkler (that he so kindly turned on for us), woke up his neighborhood with bloodcurdling screams, presented his wife with a bouquet of blood covered hangers, and got into numerous screaming matches. We also leafleted the area, and his next-door neighbors answered the door by saying "what took you so long!" and talked about how he and his family live richly off the donations of the devout. He personally walked up to the one man with us and invited him in for coffee. Then, one of his henchmen threatened to sick his dog on us. Very Christian, eh?

Later that afternoon there was another demonstration (oh, excuse me--rally) called by the Pro Choice Action Command--oops!--Coalition (a very-male, very-non-young "coalition" dominated by socialist groups like Solidarity who are trying desperately to win over the middle-class white feminists in NOW and NARAL). Things were boring until a group of women got together and burned a flag. Then a nice group of pro choice men came over and told us that we weren't expressing our rage in a manner that was acceptable to them. We basically told them to fuck off and a fight ensued. PCAC also called a demonstration on Saturday (the 4th of July) that was pretty boring until the same fight ensued, this time over the shadowing of a suspicious photographer (wearing urban camo fatigues, combat boots, a bag reading "Operation Abel", and a badge, who continued to film individual people even when politely asked to stop) by Baklavites and Refuse and Resistlers. Several male PCAC peace fascists didn't hesistate to jump all over us, order us around, and tell us that since they called the demo, we're under their control. Fuck that noise. We came as pro choice and pissed off, not as PCAC peons. It wasn't at all hypocritical for some PCAC speakers to call for "militancy" in their endless boring speeches and then tell us "radical" actions weren't welcome at their "open-mike" speakouts (I'm sure that if anything truly radical had happened, like property damage, PCAC would've been more than eager to hand us over to the cops). Two of the male PCAC peace fascists threatened two different Baklavites with violence, including telling one of us that he could burn a flag if he wanted to and then get it shoved down his throat. Unfortunately we were unprepared and not very hungry anyway. Other highlights included three PCAC men telling a R&R womyn that she didn't "belong there", and one PCACer exclaiming "I've been being filmed by the police for over twenty years so I know what I'm talking about!". As if that doesn't say it all.

For those of you interested, Joe Scheidler can be found at 6347 N. Leroy Ave., (312)744-1030.

Anti-choice actions continue in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where fun-people like the Klan have come out to support Operation Rescue.

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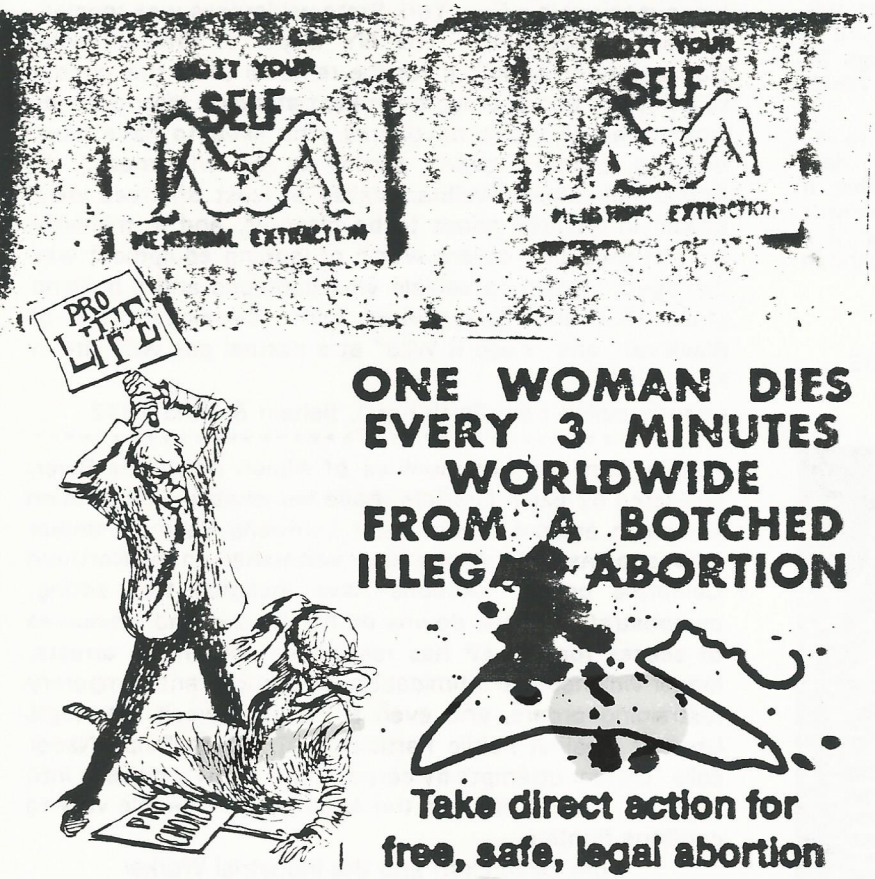


PHOTO BY MARS

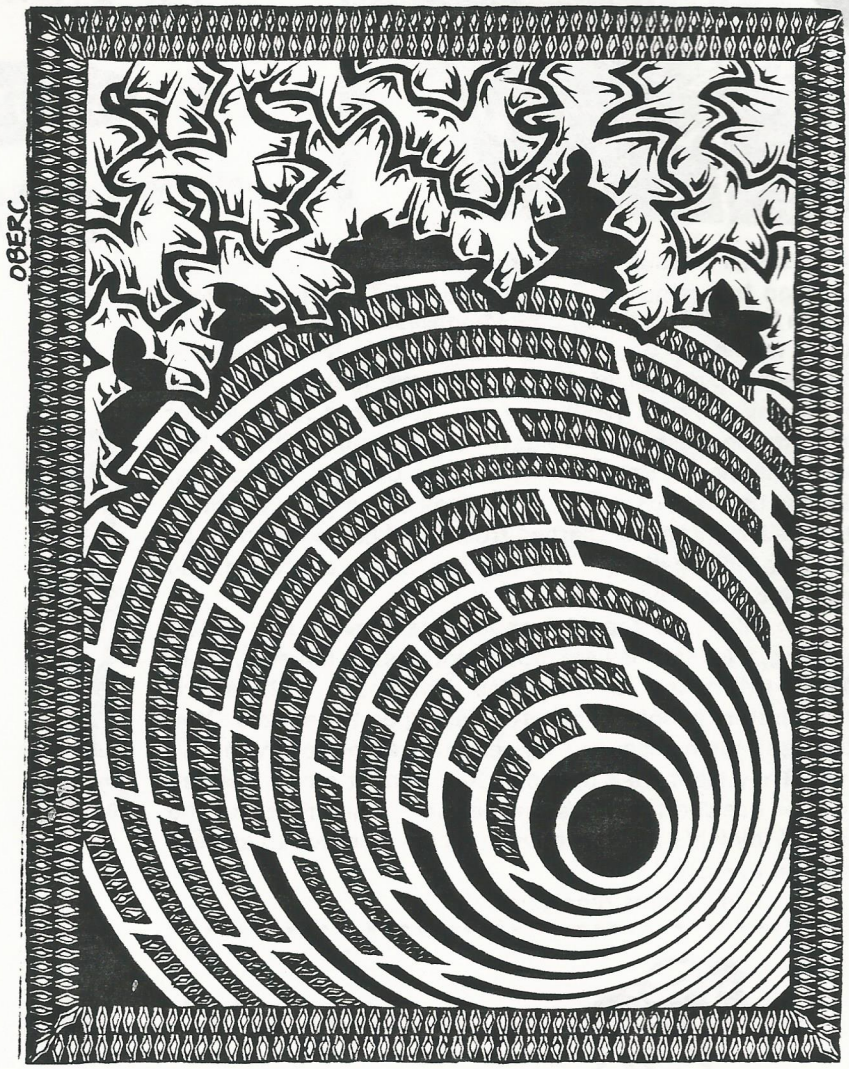
In Kenosha, Wisconsin, yet another demonstration was held against Cracker Barrel "Old Country Restaurant", the restaurant that serves up that down-home, old-fashioned, family-value drenched bigotry that we all gag on. On Sunday June 21 (which by some coincidence happened to be Father's Day) a big crowd of Queer Nationals slowly got rowdy in front of the cowering Cracker Barrel. The crowd included people from Chicago, Milwaukee, Kenosha and Madison; along with city pigs, county pigs, and state pigs.

As usual, the police and Cracker Barrel officials stood on their property glaring at us and filming us. One new twist occurred when Kenosha oinkers tried to pass a flier out to us "notifying us of our rights as demonstrators." No one would take it. Included on the flyer were prohibitions against "obscene language and spitting." Police soon reinforced this by pulling a sign that said "FUCK CRACKER BARREL" out of the hands of one woman. A small altercation occurred after which someone ran around writing the word FUCK on everyone's sign who wanted it. It took a while, but the pigs proved that they were literate and eventually and quite rudely pulled the other offending signs out of our hands. Of course, this amount of physical contact required the use of rubber gloves on the part of the police, apparently due to their fear of giving cop-germs to innocent homosexuals. Rumor also had it that the butch closet cases were wearing rubber gloves because they were preparing to have a fist-fucking orgy after the demonstration, back at the headquarters. We gave two snaps up to those officers for having safe sex, and told them so.

Then, some of us began nonchalantly walking back and forth across the street leading in to the restaurant and even trying out square dance variations in the middle of the street, to stay in the spirit of the demonstration. The pigs eventually told us that we had to cross only at the intersection like good citizens and that they would guide us so that we wouldn't get hurt (seriously--they said that). This led to a joyous conga line within the boundaries of the crosswalk, but did not stop demonstrators from crossing the street.

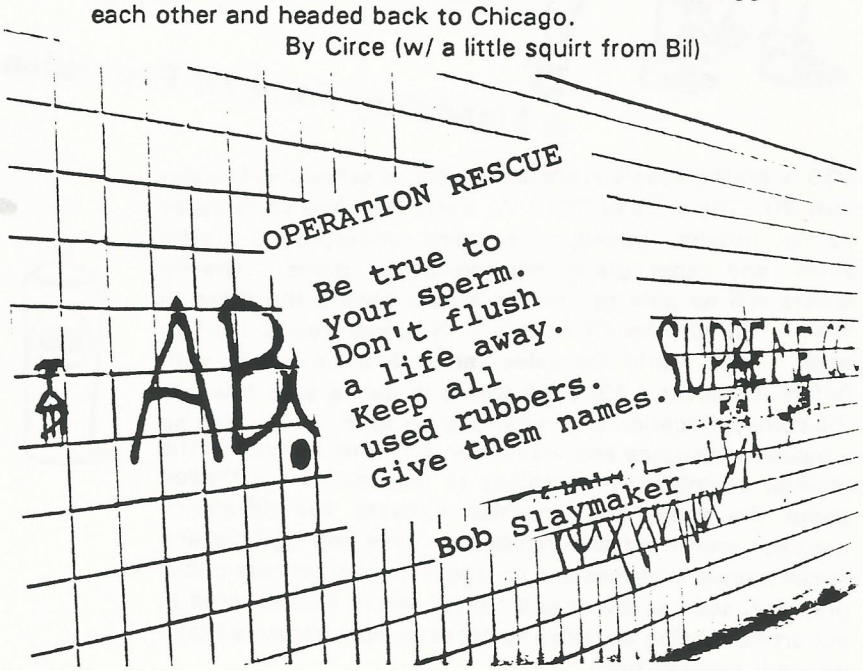
After about two hours of joyous demonstration and flirting with each other, we were all hot, hoarse, thirsty, sunburned and ready to go home. We decided to end with a bang and conga line around the whole intersection as many times as we could get away with and then leave. After two rotations around the intersection, we decided that we were almost finished when a woman committed the sin of crossing the street allegedly against an officer's instructions. She was grabbed by two cops, and all hell broke loose. We all ran after her, yelling, and the cops couldn't figure out where they didn't want us to be less: in the street or on Cracker Barrel property. Various pushing matches ensued, and one Chicago man was assaulted by the Assistant District Attorney of Kenosha and then arrested, along with two other men, one from Chicago and one from Kenosha.

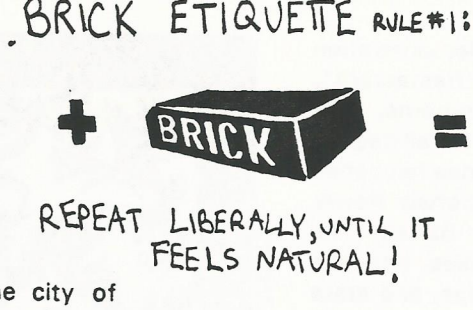
Needless to say, the demonstration moved to the Kenosha Court House. The cops thought that we were going to start a riot and sent someone out to tell us that bail had been set for $450 for three of them and $150 for the other (that's $1500 for those of you who can't comprehend bail sums that large). We told them that we didn't have the money to pay, we wanted to file complaints against their cops for brutality, our friends were wrongfully



arrested, and we would not leave until they were free. They went back inside. We camped out, ate lunch, and were rowdy and obnoxious for about an hour. The police then came back outside and told us that the charges had been lessened and the three men would be released on their own recognizance, but the woman who ran across the street was being charged with a traffic citation. Although we objected to the fact that she wasn't a car, her $69 fine was quickly collected, she was freed, and we all hugged each other and headed back to Chicago.

By Circe (w/ a little squirt from Bil)





In a brutal assault on alternative housing, the city of Chicago has removed 7 of a group of 17 outlaw homes which have been built by some homeless people along with local members of a group called The Mad Housers. Between November of 1991, when the first "huts" were built, and May of 1992, the city said that it could not tolerate the presence of outlaw housing units. Then it had agreed in May not to demolish a group of huts. In a sense, the city has kept its promise. It hasn't demolished the huts, it loaded 7 of them on flatbed trucks and hauled them to an undisclosed location. The occupants were offered and accepted public housing.

"I'm glad that the people are moving into better housing, if in fact they are moving into better housing," said David Hemmings of the Mad Housers. "There are thousands of people in the city sleeping on the streets. You don't see them because they tend to stay out of the public eye. They want their privacy. So I think it's a shame the city has decided to aggressively attack us and rip down the huts. I think it's a destructive and cynical move to erase a political eyesore."

Tony Atoms reporting

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BLANK WALLS = BLANK MINDS

GRAFFITI

A Mandatory Form Of Expression

935, a graffiti supply store and studio, is scheduled to open July 20. The store at 3613 W. North Ave. will carry spray paints, nozzles, books, videotapes, underground graffiti zines, and other graffiti/hip-hop-related items. Graffiti artists will be able to use the studio behind the store to work. "It will be Chicago's only underground hip-hop shop," says Mario Gonzalez, artist and co-owner with Rafael Almaguer. Although this is in part a step towards the commodification of a rebellious art form, it may also be a valuable resource and inspiration for other activity in the hip-hop community. Needless to say, police are thrilled about the shop, but Gonzalez stresses the difference between graffiti art and vandalism. "We don't go out and target people's houses and garages. Our targets are public property, such as buses and trains. We're all dedicated to our artwork being on those surfaces, simply because that's where it evolved from."

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CAPSULE FLURRIES

Anarchist Stefan Wray was convicted on April 27 for his role in the AB101 riot at the state building in San Francisco last year. He received 3 years probation, 60 days of SWAP, and 50 hours community service. He needs funds! Write him c/o Coalition on Homelessness, 122 Hyde St., SF, CA 94102. Stefan was not masked up and arrested weeks later, so ALWAYS WEAR A MASK!....In response to fascist attacks on immigrants in Sweden, a coalition of 280 organizations called a march and strike on Feb. 21. Several hundred thousand marched (incl. 320,000 students), and public trans, businesses, and skools were shut down for over an hour (NLNS)....Zimbabwean students clashed with riot police for 2 days on May 27-28 while protesting for higher grants to keep up with the higher cost of living (NLNS)....Several protests took place in Rio during the UN Environmental Conference. On June 7 10,000 marched and denounced Bush's environmental policies, and several hundred tore down a World Bank booth in protest of the WB's hand in ecologically devastating "development projects" in Third World countries by First World Nations and Companies....Squatting is under heavy attack as Fortress Europe begins to consolidate itself. Autonomous Centers in Lyons, France were recently busted, squats in Zurich are under attack, laws in Holland have tightened and evictions are pending, the U.K. is on the verge of making squattting illegal, and most German squats have either been evicted or signed contracts (Slingshot)....Anti-government riots in Nigeria on May 13 resulted in three deaths and hundreds injured as hundreds of youth set up burning barricades, attacked vehicles, and clashed with riot cops over a gasoline shortage....Self-censorship wins again as 4 music stores in Omaha agree to adhere to state "pornography" laws to have charges of them selling sexually explicit material to teenagers dropped. The "obscene" material: 2 Live Crew's "Sports Weekend"....For a copy of "Tree Crops--A Social, Ecological, and Dietary Revolution", which argues fruitarianism (fruits & nuts) for ecological and humanitarian reasons, contact The International Fruitarian Network, p.o.box 293, Trinity Beach, Q4879, AUSTRALIA....A New York Times/CBS poll shows that 4 in 10 voters dislike all of the presidential candidates (and less than half of the population votes). The choices they give us are really no choices at all....English police sealed off Stonehenge, arresting 32, and once again infringed on the civil liberties of pagans and others who wished to celebrate Mid-Summer's Day there....Quote from an unidentified Hoffman Estates cop to a 17 year old being arrested for curfew violation: "I wish it was the old days so we could bash your fuckin' head into the wall and throw you down the stairs."....Rioting erupted in Elkhart, Indiana in May after white cops used excessive force in arresting Arthur McCaster, 19, by throwing him against a squad car and thrashing his head with a flashlight. In response, about 200 neighborhood people, mostly black, pelted cops with rocks, smashed the windows of a police substation, and a Red Dollar discount store, and overturned a car....Homemade bombs are on an upsurge, according to to local law enforcement, who credit the increased activity to creative youngsters. There have been at least 50 reported incidents of small explosions from such bombs, probably by kids testing out recipes. Right on!....Spanish unions paralysed the country with a nation-wide half-day general strike on May 28 to protest sharp cuts in unemployment benefits that the Socialist Government mandated in April as part of its efforts to join the EC monetary union by 1997. The unions claimed success with 100% industrial and 70-80% service workers taking part (Profane Existence)....On May 29 French police arrested Francisco Mugica, the leader of the ETA, a Basque guerilla group fighting for national liberation from Spain....Arthur Miller, who puts out the anarchist journal Bayou La Rose, has recently been harassed for unknown reasons. In addition to two threatening phone calls, someone shot at his car, leaving a large gunhole in the driver's side door....

ANARCHISTS ATTACK PRIME MINISTER IN NEPAL

The car of prime minister of Nepal, Girijia Prasad Koirala, was attacked and smashed by stone-throwing anarchists while on a campaign tour in the western hill region for upcoming national elections. Koirala pledged to crush mass black-flag demonstrations and anarchist activities claiming "those disturbing mass meetings cannot be the advocates of democracy." —*from Nepali news*

GERMANY

KURDS NOT PERSECUTED, THE TOOTH FAIRY, AND OTHER FABLES

According to a recent ruling in a German high court, Turkish Kurds cannot seek asylum in Germany solely on the basis of their being Kurds. According to the court, the fact that Kurds are persecuted as a group in Turkey "cannot be established." What's more, the court stated that the recent attacks by Turkish security forces on villages in Turkish-occupied Kurdistan were not directed at the Kurds "as such". Therefore, to apply for asylum in Germany, Turkish Kurds must document specific, individual persecution. —*from* Sudwind *16 via Autonome Forum*

WE AIN'T PLAYIN' NO GAMES!

On January 23, in protest of Berlin's plan to host the Olympics in the year 2000, the "Commando Lutz Gruttke" stole the Carl-Diem Memorial Table which was given to the IOC General Secretary during the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The action group said they would only release the "kidnapped" table if the Berlin Senate drops the city's application to host the 2000 Olympics. Senate spokesman Dieter Flamig said that the government would not bow to such tactics. —*from* Interim *178 via Autonome Forum*

ANARCHIST JOURNALISTS CHARGED

FRANCE

On January 27, Florence Tosi and Serge Quadruppani, the former and present "directeurs de publication" of the journal Mordicus, were charged with "condoning theft, looting, murder and arson, direct incitement to murder and complicity in the afformention crimes." The reason for the legal proceedings is a small poster which were put up in Mantes-la-Jolie in June 1991. the posters contained the Mordicus logo with a quote from the journal, a rap concerning the activities of people in revolet in the banlieus (low-cost housing projects in the periphery of large cities) and the slogan "no cops in the neighborhood, no holds barred against the cops." It is obscene to blame *Mordicus* for inciting the violence whose causes are more serious and profound. What is making the youth in the banlieus revolt is the life being imposed upon them. The authorities zeal in this affair can only have political motives; silencing one of the rare voices which ahve not buckled under. It is obvious that in our current "democracy" one is free to have any opinion... except those outlawed by the government. In France every journal must have a directeur de publication who is legally responsible for the journal. Tosi' and Quadruppani were handed down their charges at an inition court appearance on January 27 and face 3-5 years prison term and a 3500-3000,000 france fine. There is no information as to when the trial will begin. A prison term for a "délit de presse" (publishing serious material) appears unlikey; it would be the first time since 1970. On the other hand, a fine that would bleed the paper dry is quite plausible. The publishers of *Mordicus* refuse to be gagged by the courts and are preparing a legal defense. However, they do not prejudice against other forms of actions individuals or groups may take in solidarity. Send letters of solidarity, donations, etc. to The Mordicus Collective / B.P. 11 / 75622 Paris Cedex 13 / France —*from* Demolition Derby

ANTI-RACIST KILLED IN BOMBING IN DENMARK

On March 16, the office of and bookshop run by I.S. (International Socialists) in Copenhagen was blown to pieces. I.S. is a small left-wing organization strongly engaged in anti-racist activities. A 29-year-old activist, Henrik Christensen, was killed in the bombing. Police think a letter bomb exploded in his hands as a postman told them that he delivered a big and heavy letter to the I.S. the same morning. The heavy explosion and water from the fire fighting removed all traces of the bomb although police technicians are still sorting through the remains. Police are without clues at this point but they certainly will not put as many resources into this case as they have in left-wing "terror" cases. If the left wing is correct when they say that far-right wing powers are responsible for the bombing, it is the first political murder in Denmark since WW2. In the beginning of the investigation the police and media tried to throw suspicion on Henrik by suggesting that he himself had been working on the bomb—a nice excuse for not tracking down the bomber and a sure way to get more explosions. During the night 300 people gathered in front of the office in Sellerødgade and on the following Saturday 15,000 people marched through Copenhagen in protest and marches also took place in many other cities across Denmark. —*Ekomedia Århus*

BERLIN 1, SQUATTERS 0

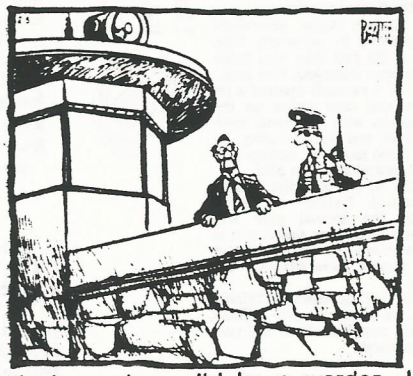
In November 1990, the eviction of squatted houses in the former East Berlin touched off a huge confrontation around the area of Mainzer Straße (see *Profane Existence* No. 8). At least 200 squatters were arrested after two nights of street fighting which brought down the Green-Social Democrat city government. Recently a 27-year-old man and his 24-year-old brother were sentenced to one year plus three months and six months respectively on charges of attacking police officers. The two probably gave incriminating statements while in custody, or were not masked during the confrontation, as most of the other arrested could not be charged. —*from* Interim *178 via Autonome Forum*

BERLIN 1, SQUATTERS 1

Also in Berlin, the man who ordered the Mainzerstrasse eviction, Mayor Walter Momper of the Social Democrats, recently got a second taste of vengeance from Berlin autonomists. Having only recently recovered from an earlier attack by a group of masked youths who gave Momper a few whacks to the head with a stick, poor Walter got attacked again on January 20. Momper was supposed to give a reading from one of his books at an alternative youth center in the city of Halle. About 20 autonomists held a demo outside, shouting "We won't forget the Mainzer Straße!" When Momper arrived, he was shouted out and people threw paint on him and his car. Do doubt feeling quite an idiot, he got back into his car and beat a hasty retreat. The reading was cancelled and all the autonomists successfully escaped. —*from* Interim *178 via Autonome Forum*

RALF AND KNUD ARE FREE!

Two autonomists active around the squatted "Rote Flora" complex in Hamburg were arrested on July 29, 1991 by plain-clothes pigs who said the two men had put cement blocks on a rail line in an attempt to derail a passenger train. (see *Profane Existence* No. 13) Ralf and Knud were charged with "attempted murder" and held for 6 months in preventive detention. Recently, a Hamburg court ruled against the state procescutors Partett and van Alme Ice and said the two men and been unjustly held. the two were given (only) 1800 marks compensation we set free. Although they still face lesser charges, they are hopeful of acquittal. Clearly this case is just a state fabrication designed to discredit the Hamburg autonomist scene after the unpopular eviction of the Flora Park by the Hamburg city government last summer. The charges were clearly foolish, since no one in the autonomist scene would ever advocate such a foolish act like derailing a passenger train. —*from* Interim *178 via Autonome Forum*



"I always knew I'd be a warden. I always had pets in cages when I was growing up."

all the above were stolen from Profane Existence

Too PUNK FOR WORDS!

Animal liberation group trashes kennel, takes cats

No arrests made

Vandals claiming to be from the Animal Liberation Front trashed a University of Alberta kennel for dogs and cats used in medical research Monday and stole 29 cats.

The 4 a.m. break-in appeared to have been carefully planned by people who were familiar with the isolated facility, says Dr. David Neil, director of the Health Sciences Laboratory Services section which operates the kennel.

There was no sign of forcible entry at the site on 127th Street north of Ellerslie Road, he said.

An employee sleeping in a house 35 metres away heard nothing, although the kennel holds about 50 dogs which usually bark and howl at strangers.

Thick red paint was splashed on walls and windows, drug vials were smashed, equipment was wrecked, files lay in pools of water from taps left turned on and bags of animal bedding were ripped open and scattered.

Slogans such as "ALF" and "Freedom" were spray-painted on the walls, and "Happy Environment Week" was sprayed on the walls of the trashed main office.

"They wreaked (a) considerable amount of vandalism. That's an act of terrorism, it's not an act of rescuing," said Neil.

"It's calculated to try and strike fear into the research community so that they will move away from the use of animals."

Damage was estimated at up to $50,000.

The cab and box of a truck used to transport animals were blistered with paint thinner, while an obscenity was sprayed-painted on an exterior wall.

An envelope later left in an *Edmonton Journal* mail slot contained a press release headed "Animal Liberation Front Celebrates Environment Week With Cat Liberation."

Film that was enclosed included a shot of two masked people each holding a cat.

The press release was printed on stationery taken from Laboratory Animal Services and claims the cats were to be involved in "useless and painful experiments."

"Today's liberation and economic damage are part of our on-going campaign against all animal torturers which will end only when the last animal is free and the last lab is burned to the ground."

But one of the researchers who works with the cats says they are required for a variety of purposes, including neurological experiments.

During these experiments, the animals are anesthetized so they don't feel pain, says the researcher, who asked not to be named to avoid harassment.

When the experiment is finished, the cats are killed with an overdose of anesthetic, the researcher said.

Eight cats apparently too wild to catch were left in the community pens from which the others were stolen, said Neil. None of the 50 dogs in the kennel was taken.

ALF stickers have previously been plastered in university labs, but this is the first time that facilities have been damaged, Neil said.

The U of A recently opened a research animal care centre on the main campus with improved holding facilities and tight security, including video cameras, motion sensors and special locks, he said.

Security at the Ellerslie kennel was minimal. Neither the main gate nor the kennel gate was closed and employees found two of eight entrance doors unlocked. Several people have keys for the building.

Officials had decided additional precautions would be too difficult and costly, says Neil. That will now be reconsidered.

University of Alberta
Edmonton

Health Sciences Laboratory Animal Services

"I regret to say that I was once a researcher myself.

"I know how these animals are treated and I don't think the life of a human being is worth that.

"I find the idea of experimenting on animals so a few drug companies can make more money absolutely repugnant."

"DAMN RIGHT!"

Staff relied on the dogs in the kennel to bark and wake them in a nearby house if strangers approached. But they were unaware of the Monday incident until three hours after it happened.

"THE DOGS COOPERATED!"

"I don't know the circumstances of this particular situation, but if the animals were being used in biomedical research then direct action may certainly have been called for," said Roger Mugford of the Animal Behavior Centre in London, England.

"YEP"

The break-in by people claiming to be Animal Liberation Front members has shaken the university community, said another professor who did not want to be named because of fear of being victimized.

"This isn't new. We've always been nervous about it and now they've started at a different level.

"We just don't want it to escalate."

Although the group is supposedly relatively harmless, "we've had death threats against people and we've had people move on that basis.

"The RCMP has all of that," he said.

A rock was hurled through the window of another professor's home and the slogan "ALF" was spray-painted on his garage.

"ALF TACTICS WORK!"

Security at the kennel on 127th Street north of Ellerslie Road will be improved, said Dr. David Neil, director of Health Sciences Laboratory Animal Services.

An alarm system, better locks and more secure doors may be installed.

"WATCH OUT!"

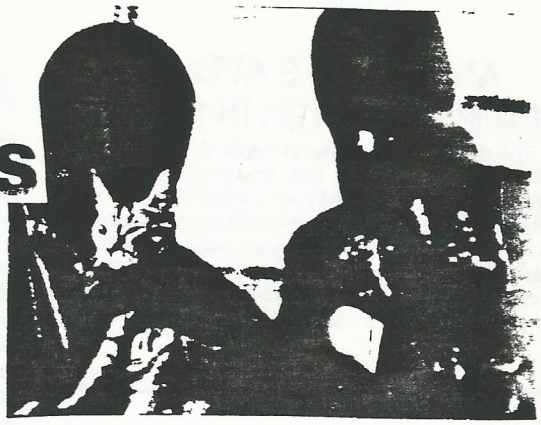
The militant animal rights group is on the FBI's list of the 10 most dangerous domestic terrorist organizations, says a recent report by the U.S. Congress on worldwide terrorism.

The ALF was responsible for 44 bombings and 422 violent incidents in the United Kingdom in 1989, and it also has operations in Canada and the U.S., says a recent article in the scientific journal Science.

"THE FBI HAS A RIGHT TO BE SCARED!"

"They took some of the cats in an arbitrary way and then they wreaked a considerable amount of vandalism," he said. "That's an act of terrorism, it's not an act of rescuing. It's calculated to try and strike fear into the research community so that they will move away from the use of animals."

"CORRECT!"



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Most experiments 'immoral'

NEWS RELEASE
June 1, 1992
For Immediate Release

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT CELEBRATES ENVIRONMENT WEEK WITH CAT LIBERATION

The Animal Liberation Front claims responsibility for a raid early this morning at the University of Alberta's Ellerslie Research Station, 127 St. and 9 Ave. SW. We have liberated a total of 29 cats from this animal prison farm, removed research documents, and destroyed research equipment and records.

The cats were to be used in useless and painful experiments in research labs throughout the U. of A. The ALF believes that humans do not have any rights to inflict pain and suffering on any other species. The cats, most of whom were former pets, have been given veterinary examinations and will be placed in homes of caring people. We are saddened to have left behind hundreds of animals including more cats, many dogs, goats, sheep, mice, rats, deer, pigs, and elk.

Documents show that approx. 80,000 animals are vivisected each year by the U. of A. Experiments university researchers inflict on animals include sensory deprivation, sleep deprivation, exposure to disease, toxic substances and radiation, among the endless horrors.

The black and white film we've sent to the Edmonton Sun and the Edmonton Journal shows the actual liberation in progress. It also shows, along with the video we sent to the CBC and CTV affiliate, the cats safely in the arms of their liberators.

All animals have an inherent right to live their lives free from human interference. Today's liberation and economic damage are part of our ongoing campaign against all animal torturers which will end only when the last animal is free and the last lab is burnt to the ground.

The Animal Liberation Front urges everyone to join us in celebrating Environment Week by liberating our four-legged brothers and sisters from their wretched prisons.

Animal Liberation Front

WAY COOL NIFTY ZINE NAMES

We have often been asked why we choose to write under psuedonyms. Some people see it as a way of escaping responsibility for what we write. Others think we're just into the cool punk-as-fuck zine name thang. Even others think its a clique thing, like we award them at bizarre late-night blood rituals involving tofu, black masks, liquid nitrogen, and weathermen.

The truth is, we do it to fuck with Big Brother. Too many citizens out there aren't aware that the government and its security agencies are more than willing to go to great lengths, including extralegal force, to squash subversive tendencies. They've done it in the past and will continue doing it. Ask Fred Hampton, or Leonard Peltier, or Albert Parsons. Read Brian Glick's The War At Home. For the same reasons we wear masks at actions, we mask our identities with psuedonyms. Doubtless they know who some of us are, but they may not know what we do. We aim to confuse Big Bro as much as possible. (We're also making bets on how many files we can get them to open on us. We encourage others to join in the fun!)

Anyway, for your reading enjoyment, we asked the Conspiracy why they use the names they use. These are the responses. Some of them may or may not be true.

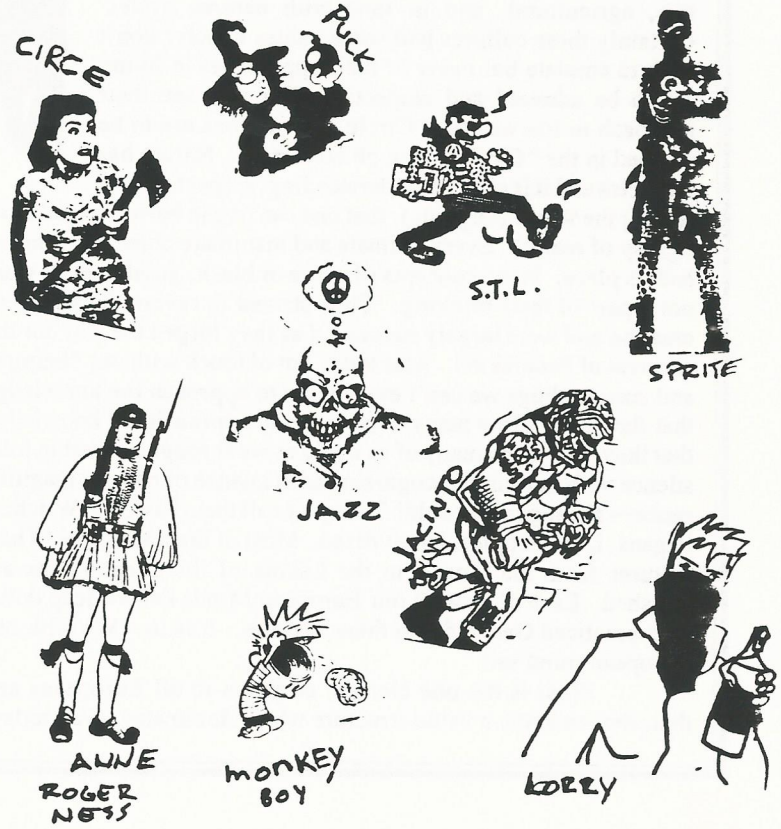
SPRITE: It's an Elf thing. Someday I want to have plastic surgery and get my ears pointed...
JACINTO: We're a conglomerate...the true autonomist conspiracy...the Junior Anarchists for Chaos INTernational Organization. The youth are down! Or maybe it's a simple joke...
SEDOV TREVOR LUC IEN: I'm a jaded and disgruntled Soviet spy who, unlike the lackey Moscow bureaucracy, is intent upon not selling out the Motherland!
LORRY: Geez, will mine be the only serious one? Well, a lorry is a truck, and the nomad in me identifies with truck drivers, plus there's the class thang. C'est tout.
PUCK: I'm the prankster, the trickster, the iconoclast in all of us. I spin the dreams that become their nightmares!
CIRCE: She's a mythological sorceress who turned men into pigs. How fitting!
MONKEY BOY: I'm just a primate, kind of chattery, annoying...I jump around a lot and I like to climb trees, throw things from the branches, hang around. I'm a primate of contradictions--in rebellion against my surroundings, yet made complacent by them. I'm perfectly at ease with shouting "Smash the TV" and following thru, then going home to my parents' house and watching cable. If I had my way, I'd be swinging from branches in the rainforest, completely naked, staying vegan/frugivorous. But I'm not really native to the forest, I'm really a white bougie city boy in conflict with my upbringing.
JAZZ: It's deep funk..ya know, who needs sheet music. Let's do it cause it feels good or sounds good or whatever--it's like organic homegrown improvisational conspiracy...Get it?
ANNE ROGER NESS: My reasons vary from day to day, mood to mood. I promise to not allow it to be controlled.

Another reason for psuedonyms is the fact that in this situation of an open zine, we want all of the readership to take part in the discussion of the topics. If I were to use my "real" name, maybe someone would confront me on the street about what I wrote. What good would that do? Only me and that other person would hear the exchange of ideas. When we remain vague and ambiguous, we not only maintain our privacy and security, but we encourage more "community" involvement when people feel the need to communicate with us.

To refine that point I would like to stress that the issues are far more worth identifying than the personality that wishes to open communication. It seems in our society that personalities are stressed and the issues that affect us are lost in the gossip. Ideas should stand on their own regardless of the person or persons presenting them. I personally feel that it would be beneficial for us all to work towards adapting to an issue oriented society rather than a personality (ie., politician) oriented society. Those of us who have chosen to shield ourselves with these fun names are repulsed by iconism, and do not want to be forced into a situation where we become the representation of an ideal, or worse, the victims of some sick stereotype created by the staus quo or some local egotists/"real estate" developers/cops/etc.

To sum up then, we are maintaining personal privacy and security. We wish to stress issues and not personalities. Finally, we want to guard against egotism, our own, and that of others.

Love & Kisses XOXOXO Anne Roger Ness



DIABOLICAL TWINS

Not enough Love! Not enough Caring! An inability to accept ourselves and others. Divisions--Madness-Insurrections in our Cities. "The Chickens," As Malcolm said, "are coming home to Roost." These forces of hate are, I believe, enormously powered by two ideological Twins of Venom: Whiteness, and Americanism! These are the concepts whose rot permeates our society's her/history and continues to promote loathing for ourselves and others even now.

I believe that Feminists have taught us much about the way language structures the way we think. What is woman, chick, bitch, broad, history, etc.? They are concepts that demean not only the target, but also those who use them. To liberate our minds we begin by liberating our language. In turn, What are White People? What are Americans, African-Americans, Native-Americans? What are the her/historical implications of these words in shaping our minds and structuring this society?

In this piece, I will explore "Whiteness" and "Americanism."

My target audience will be the European descended people of this land as they are the ones who most relish the use of these concepts.

A Dark Cloud, Darth Vader, Shadows, Dark recesses of the mind. What color is evil? Could it be that we see it as an endless Dark--Blackness, Strong, Immense, capable of overwhelming us. What color is purity and goodness? Is it Snow White, white cloud, a silver Lone Ranger and Horse? "It's so good to be White and safe." You see I am trying to explore with you this dichotomy in the European mind which I believe has been instrumental in Our ravages upon most of the world. We still refer to each other as "White", how come?

This love and need for "Whiteness", can we begin to trace its roots? Lets take a step back and look at peoples her/history before the European Mind developed. It seems to me that much of her/history has been communal, sometimes matriarchal, often times cooperative, agricultural, and in tune with natures cycles. Certainly these cultures had some values which I don't wish to emulate but many of their approaches to living are to be admired and respected. For you see their approach to life was the "Circle." Decisions are to be reached in the "Circle" through consensus. Nature has its cycles and it is only by understanding, respecting and feeling the whole (Organic), that one can live in harmony and have a grasp of reality. Every animate and inanimate object (Animism) had its place. Static concepts of white or black, good or evil, were not a part of their thinking. They strived to revere the whole of creation and were largely successful as they forged the way for the survival of Peoplekind. Alas today out of touch with our "beings" and surroundings we can't even begin to approach the knowledge that they had. How many even begin to approach the knowledge that they had. How many of us could move through a forest in total silence with our mind recognizing each nuance of natures magnificence---These people could! Today we call them Savages, Witches, Pagans, Dark Peoples, Uncivilized. Most of them are gone. Their cultures from the Druids to the Lakota of the Great Plains are smashed. Each of us with our European Minds knows deep down who practiced Genocide on these Peoples. It is us. We with our European mind set!

What is the one element common to all Europeans and their descendents; a value structure which dominates, even today, U.S. culture? It is not a Judeo-Christian world view? Arising in the time of Moses some 5,000 years ago its progeny Christianity captured the Roman Empire, and systematically filtered out among the various Indo-European tribes, whose Paganism it in time vanquished.

Lets take a closer look at this Judeo-Christian value structure, its history, its culture, and its connection with this love of whiteness which imprisons our society.

In the Bible there are certain values which have had a fundamental impact on our family structure, schools, the workplace, sports, etc., etc. How about patriarchy, anybody notice that in the Bible? Lets sing the litany of the supposed positive ideals communicated in the Old and New Testament. How about competition and warfare? The perception of people not as a part of nature, but rather as the dominators of it. There is also a materialism throughout the scriptures whose supposed saving grace is a spiritualism which separates us from a God above. It is a World View which is DICHOTOMOS and celebrates negative differences rather than ORGANIC COMMONALITY with Peoples and Nature. These values not only promote external divisions outside ourselves, but also divisions within the mind. "Uptight, stressed out, burned out, neurotic, mad,"--Such are the common afflictions of the European Mind set. Is it any wonder that this anxiety ridden "Mind," torn by its values, thrashes its hopes for redemption upon this fad, ism, drug, whatever is new or "cool." None of these satisfy and so our "Mind" grasps for its one "hole card"---Its "Whiteness"-White Light of Saving Grace-Civilized-Rational-Democratic-Promoters of Culture and Science-Redeemers of Dark (evil) peoples. These are the thought processes which persist to some degree in those who continue to refer to themselves as "white." And its all a delusion, a trick bag, that keeps us from seeing ourselves as an Organic part of the world!

As we have mentioned earlier the Judeo-Christian mind set was spread by the Roman Empire, and as this Roman Empire split apart, the Catholic church became a dominant political influence throughout Western and Eastern Europe. Even when it had no political control it influenced mightily the culture of people. Witches, Herbalists, and those in tune with Nature began to go underground so that by the time of the Middle Ages Nature's forces were seen as evil, and there was in the European mind by then a desire for Purity-Whiteness. Those of you who have read the fair Ivanhoe versus the Black Knight; the Tales of King Arthur can perhaps recall the symbolic use of color (Holy Grail) in fighting the so called "Dark Forces." However at this point in time (Middle Ages), the slavery of the European mind to confusion was not complete. Large numbers of people still lived on the land and although they were often serfs, to work the land required cooperation and being in tune with Natures rhythms. But with the emergence of the Bourgeois class and the onset of Industrialization large numbers of people were forced off the land and thrown into the cities. Their collectivity was broken down by the hierarchy of the factory model which celebrated not cooperation, but snitching on each other to produce a product which they could no longer feel was theirs. Obviously this is but a thumbnail sketch of the emerging of the European Mind as it now exists. A more thorough job would require a book; but let it be seen that the smashing of what was good in Paganism, the supremacy of Judeo-Christian culture, and the emergence of the Industrial, Post-Industrial Technological Age have produced what is known as European-U.S. culture. Let it also be clear that this culture's affect on 3rd and 4th world Peoples has been devastating--like a cultural plague the European Mind Set has spread throughout the world enslaving the minds of People of

Color!

This theology of Whiteness or Racism has not always been so systematic, But with the onslaught of the economic practice of slavery and colonialism, justification had to be found for the dehumanization of "people of color." So building upon the psychological groundwork laid by Judeo-Christian culture (white vs. dark forces) the concept of White Supremacy or racism was arrived at. It started with the Spanish and Portuguese in the 1500s who systematically (Columbus) colonized the people of the "New World" and Africa, all in the name of their white God Jesus, and it continued with the English and Dutch throughout the 1600s. This concept of racism although present in the European mind for a long time was not always rock hard and solidified. In the 1600s and 1700s in the "New World" there were large scale coordinated rebellions of European descended peoples, Africans (slaves), and Native peoples "Indians" who often intermarried with each other, and saw their common enemy as the Franklins, Washingtons, and Jeffersons, and those of their class (see "Peoples History of the United States" by Howard Zinn). But by the 1600s in response to the coordinated threats by "common folk," laws were passed against the mixing of the races. Also the running away of European indentured servants, slaves, to the various Native tribes posed a threat to the economic well being of the rich. In his book the "Metaphysics of Indian Hating," Richard Drinnon the author, traces the long her/history of White Racism is the so called land of "AMERICA." In one passage of his book he relates the story of a young Puritan man of the 1630s who was driving the Puritan Colony nuts.

It seems that this young man did not want to run around all repressed and tight assed, but rather to go play and commune with Nature among the Native peoples. He would take several of his young friends with him and together with their Native comrades they would "Dance around a Maypole" (a Pagan celebration of spring). For these activities this young rebel was banished from the colony, and sent back to England.

In the 1760s there lived a large tribe of people in the present state of West Virginia. They were a racially mixed people of Europeans, Africans of Muslim Heritage, and Native Peoples. They lived cooperatively by hunting, fishing, tinkering. By the 1770s they began to migrate north to the Northwest territory in the present state of Indiana, around where Indianapolis is now situated. Always poor, their communal life was rich; and every year in the spring they would migrate to a place they called Mahomet, a present day town around Champaign, IL. (note the name of these people and many of their words were of their Muslim heritage, as many of their African people were originally from African Kingdoms with a Muslim religion). These migrations and their collective ways of living among the people, continued throughout the 19th century. But by the early 1900s these people began to disappear. It seems that the state of Indiana, the leader in the Eugenics Movement (purity for the White race) began to take the children away from the tribe and forcibly sterilize the Mothers. With this onslaught the people began to flee. So that today nothing is known of them. It pisses me off that I cannot remember the name and author of the book where I got this information. If I remember I will pass it on. Another interesting aspect to the story of these people is that the author believes that there is a strong possibility that some of these people escaped to Detroit and with their Muslim heritage were responsible with influencing the founding of the Nation of Islam under Elijah Muhammed.

Throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, we see genocide of Native peoples (which continues today), slavery, lynching, segregation, colonialism, neo-colonialism, imperialism, poverty, and 3rd and 4th world ghettos, and on and on till one wants to vomit in horror! All of this sickness follows from one concept, our perception of ourselves as "White," and therefore deep down in the recesses of our mind the idea that we are somehow supreme. Yes we Europeans have adopted the culture of other darker peoples through our music, Elvis Presley etc., art, dance, and so on. We often profess integration and equality, but deep down we continue to revel in being white and referring to ourselves as such. We resist the idea that other people might want to be separate from our culture such as is seen with the New African Movement, and the American Indian Movement, etc. Isn't it time that we Europeans and descendants of such who control this society begin to create a NEW EUROPEAN MIND and perhaps even refer to ourselves as the NEW EUROPEANS. And also most importantly STOP NOW referring to ourselves as white, which, the very use of acts as a verbal and psychological segue to our Barbarous history. Our her/history must change! WE MUST BECOME NEW EUROPEANS!!!

The preceding was a thumbnail sketch of Whiteness and racism in European culture. To do it justice would require a book and extensive footnotes. But I hope I have begun to open some doors of understanding. "Whiteness" which is a psychological mechanism for supremacy, or power over others, which the European mind arrived at because of its alienation from itself, others, and its environment, has many siblings----classism, sexism, hierarchical relationships, imperialism, and various national chauvinisms. However in this next piece we are going to focus on one particular national chauvinism; a close relation to the ideology of "Whiteness," in this they call the United States, and that is "AMERICANISM."

AMERICANISM

"Shit man it ain't enough to be 'white'." I mean there are lots of "white" folks. But me I'm a 'white American.' Something special, the best, the land of 'Democracy,' the world's teach of what is good and right." Aren't these some of the thoughts consciously, or subconsciously that go through our heads. Damn, it ain't hard to get this way of thinking. Through our schools, families, the mass media, we are overtly or covertly taught that American is best. It gives such a good feeling of supremacy-the power over others.

Look at one side of a coin and you see "whiteness" flip it over and you see "Americanism." For both concepts to work efficiently and cohesively you need a culture of hierarchy and control. A society that distinguishes itself from other folks and sees itself as more valuable. A society that creates certain illusions and myths, about what it means to be an "American." My principal resource will be "Declarations of Independence" by Howard Zinn.

"White" patriarchical, bourgeois "Founding Fathers" diligently working in the hot Philadelphia weather to produce two "Masterpieces of Freedom," for us, our Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. So they say and so we are taught.

Blood dripping slowly in the hot tropical sun. The stench of rotting bodies, bloated flies, unseeing eyes covered with maggots. Four hundred old men, wimmin, and children, lie in crumbled piles, dead by the hands of "Americans"--My Lai, Vietnam 1968. Ah "AMERICANISM"!!

My Lai an aberration? The Constitution and the Declaration of Independence something special? At first glance these two events seem diametrically opposed. The one an act of madness, the other a striving for a better world. And yet there are some connections between the two. We have a value system ("Americanism") which produced both My Lai and these "Masterpieces of Freedom." My Lai is not an aberration in the U.S. history but rather a common event. Through Pilgrim treachery to Native peoples, the massacre of the Cheyenne at Wounded Knee, the butchery of the U.S. towards the Philippine people in the 1980s, and Vietnam, and on and on, slavery, genocide, lynchings. These are commonplace expressions of both the U.S. government and its "American" people. But then don't we have the right because we are "always right?" Or so the "Framers" of "our government" promise us. We gave you democracy they say, "now you take it and enforce it to those who know no better." So we are taught! DEMOCRACY IN THIS LAND HAS A SMELL. Its a phony one and always has been. The very class system that existed during the time of the "Founding Fathers" still prevails. Its got a little hocus pocus around it, and some sweet perfumed illusions, but this is still a nation led, run, and controlled by the bourgeois class. Lets listen to the words of "Founding Father" and President James Madison (quoted and paraphrased by Howard Zinn), in Madison's Federalist Papers; who said the Constitution "must be ratified on the grounds that the new government would be able to control class conflict, which came from the unequal distribution of property. By creating a large republic of thirteen states, the Constitution would prevent a majority faction (the working class) from creating trouble." "The Constitution set up a government that the rich could depend on to protect their property." (Zinn) How come we didn't get this in school? All we learn about are our supposed freedoms. Freedom to do what? Play a rigged game where we "kiss the ass" of those in power to survive and prosper. This rich bourgeois class defines their "Americanism" as being the land of opportunity. They love to throw around phrases like laissez faire, rugged individualism, born in a log cabin, pulling himself up by his bootstraps, free enterprise until we get nauseous. The intent is to keep working folks invested in their "Americanism." "If you work hard you will succeed," they say. Well I don't want to succeed! I don't want to exploit other people and grovel at the feet of the rich, the powerful, and their police and military lackeys. I see 300 years of working folks getting "shit on" in this country, and being bought off by some material comforts stolen from other peoples. ENOUGH! To be American means to accept a class structure and the economic injustice of capitalism. To be an "American" means to accept the exploitation of "people of color." For you see the basic structure of "AMERICANISM" IS HIERARCHICAL CONTROL FOR THE BENEFIT OF A FEW. This control can only be exercised if we follow orders (like the chain of command in our workplaces, and obeying orders in My Lai Vietnam; and it is most effective when we see our fellow beings as THEM be it the "Indians", niggers, illegal aliens, witches, commies, Iraquis, and on and on. To be an "American" is a very important psychological construct. By its very nature when we call ourselves "Americans" we set boundaries between ourselves and others. We become the us and others the "THEM." Therefore, to preserve "Our Democracy", racism, colonialism, imperialism, genocide-all become permissible for it is "US" against "THEM." What a "trick bag" the "powers that be" have put us in. "AMERICANISM" ain't nothing but a "hustle" and always has been. I want and shall see myself as a person and part of a WORLD COMMUNITY!!

Just as "Americanism" is a means of control devoid of democracy. So it also maintains an illusion of impartial law coupled "with justice for all." Well there are no impartial laws. Laws and government are created to preserve and protect the interests of a particular class be it the technological bourgeois in this country or a state capitalist bureaucracy in the late Soviet Union. Laws are not fluid but static. They are not based on cooperative relationships but power. When laws exist justice goes to the highest bidder. Let Professor Zinn who studied "American" "history" for forty years express his opinion, "the modern system of the rule of law is something like roulette. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. No one can predict in any one instance whether the little ball will fall into the red or the black, and no one is really responsible. You win, you lose. But as in roulette, in the end you almost always lose. In roulette the results are fixed by the structure of the wheel, the laws of mathematical probability, and the rules of the 'house.' In society, the rich and strong get what they want by the law of the contract, the rules of the market, and the power of the authorities to change the rules or violate them at will. What is the structure of society's roulette wheel that ensures you will, in the end, lose? It is first of all the great disparities in wealth that give a tremendous advantage to those who can buy and sell industries, buy and sell peoples labor and services, buy and sell the means of communication, subsidize the educational system, and buy and sell the political candidates themselves. Second, it is the system of 'checks and balances' in which bold new reforms (try free medical care for all or sweeping protections of the environment) can be buried in committee, interpreted to death by the Supreme Court, or passed by Congress and unenforced by the President.

In this system, the occasional victories may ease some of the pain of economic injustice. They also reveal the usefulness of protest and pressure, suggest even greater possibilities for the future. And they keep you in the game, giving you the feeling of fairness, preventing you from getting angry and upsetting the wheel. It is a system ingeniously devised for maintaining things as they are, while allowing for limited reform."

Interesting remarks by Professor Zinn. I personally do not see that society can make the necessary changes to stave off the coming social revolution, there are no more new frontiers to go to, and we now live in a world economy that this nation's bourgeois can no longer totally control-the explosions of madness such as L.A. will build and accelerate! But right now so many desperately hang on to their ILLUSIONS OF JUSTICE!!

Another tool in the attache case of the bourgeois technological elite is the illusion of free speech. In the "Bill of Rights"

First Amendment we hear the words that Congress shall make no law prohibiting free speech. And we, fools that we are, believe our parents, teachers, etc., when they mouth its empty promise. Look at "American history" full of vamping of the rich on working people. Aliens and Seditions Acts were passed in the 1790s, the Espionage Act in 1917, dissidents sent to prison all throughout this "American History." When we learn this U.S. HISTORY we are never taught about the ingenious doctrine of "NO PRIOR RESTRAINT." For you see "American" laws are based on English common law set forth in a four volume compendium called Blackston's Commentaries. As paraphrased by Howard Zinn "no prior restraint" means that "you can say whatever you want, print whatever you want. The government cannot stop you in advance. But once you speak or write it, if the government decides to make certain statements illegal, or to define them as mischievous or even just improper, you can be put to prison." Ah the slickness of Americanism its power to control!

For those of us who witnessed Vietnam, Watergate, and the Iran Contra affair a phrase we have heard too often is National Security. Well when you call yourself an "American" you accept a vested class who preserve by any means necessary, its interests by using the state powers it controls. Martin King and Malcolm X began to go beyond the reform of civil rights and began to make common cause with the revolutionary peoples of the world, and they were "coincidentally" eliminated. "Free Speech?" Sometimes "those in charge" are overt, other times covert, but in all cases "national security" must be preserved. Most of us feel only the "velvet glove" as our rights are restricted. But for those "people of color" who really challenge the techno-system the "iron hand" comes quickly out of the velvet glove. Witness the elimination of Fred Hampton and leaders of Native peoples by U.S. secret police.

But all this shouldn't be any news to us if we just think. "AMERICANISM IS A CULTURE OF AUTHORITARIANISM." From an early age we are taught to honor and respect our parents. Even when they are wrong. Obey our teachers and do not question them even when they lie. And when we get on "the job" you best forget free speech if you want to get ahead. OUR CULTURE OF "AMERICANISM" IS A CULTURE OF OBEDIENCE. IS THE BUTCHERY OF MY LAI SUCH A SURPRISE???

I hope that you are beginning to see a pattern of hierarchical control and manipulation present in this thing we call "Americanism." So lets dig a little deeper at one of its bulwarks our supposed "representative democracy." In the "revolutionary" days of the 1780s and "American" government was being formed, and so very many people has a glimmer of hope such as the disenfranchised African descended people, European descended working class, wimmin, and the poor--Ah weren't we so lucky to have this representative government set for us to provide protection of liberty and property for all. Eh give me a break. Most of us don't have much property and what we do ain't going to make "diddley" happen in this world. The "AMERICAN GOVERNMENT" exists as we have stated to protect only one group the wealthy and powerful. As radical "historian" Howard Zinn says "representative democracy while it is indeed an improvement over monarchy, and can be used to bring some reforms, it is chiefly used by those holding power in society as a DEMOCRATIC FACADE FOR A CONTROLLED SOCIETY AND A BARRIER AGAINST DEMANDS THAT THREATEN THEIR INTERESTS."

Perhaps we just need the right candidate or as some socialists say-a Labor party. I mean isn't voting the way to change things? So we are told. Again Professor Zinn "Money dominates the election process. The candidate for national office either has to have millions of dollars or have access to millions of dollars. Money buys advertising, prime time on television, a public image. The candidates then have a certain obligation to those with money who supported them. They must look good to the people who voted for them, but be good to those who financed them." How about the words of the great womyn Helen Keller who said "are not the dominant parties managed by the ruling class, that is, the propertied classes, solely for the profit and privilege of the few? They use us millions to help them into power. They tell us, like so many children, that our safety lies in voting for them. They toss us crumbs of concession to make us believe that they are working in our best interest. Then they exploit the resources of the nation not for us, but for the interests which they represent and uphold...We vote? What does that mean? It means choose BETWEEN TWEEDLEDUM AND TWEEDLEDEE."

Physically challenged without sight or hearing it looks like this wondrous womyn found her want to the anarchist position on voting and so called representative democracy!

WE ARE A CONTROLLED PEOPLE. We believe in "free speech," representative democracy, and economic and legal justice but THESE DO NOT EXIST! We desperately hold onto our ideas because they sustain us and give us security in a very frightening world. AND WE ARE BLIND CAUGHT IN A WEB OF ILLUSIONS. So many of us can not fathom that there might be other ways of living. ANARCHISM seems impossible to us. Living collectively using consensus to make decisions sees to us a fantasy. Sure for a while we celebrate YOUTH CULTURE but then we get older and go back to the ways of our parents. And those in charge of our society love it--politicians, corporate executives, and owners of press and television for they dominate our ideas. They are secure in their power. For the most part SO FAR the military and police do not need to patrol the streets on a consistent basis. FOR WE CONTROL OURSELVES. Because force can be held in reserve and often is not overt we feel we can call ourselves a democracy. BULLSHIT!! WE ARE CONTROLLED IN VERY SUBTLE WAYS. IT IS TIME TO AWAKE. TO THROW OFF THE INVISIBLE SHACKLES OF "AMERICANISM" and see the shit for what it is!

WE LIVE IN A LAND THAT IS NOT OURS. There were people living here before us. For the most part they lived in harmony with their surroundings, and although there were tribal conflicts there were understandings reached among them. But as we know all that changed with the arrival of our ancestors who introduced with al of its European implications the idea of ownership of the land. OWN THE LAND? CALL THEM INDIANS? CALL THIS WONDROUS MAGNIFICENT LAND AMERICA? How dare we? HOW DARE WE!! We are invaders, aliens to this world just as the Europeans in SOUTH AFRICA...Among the Hopi, the Lakota, and other tribes there live traditional ones, wise ones who know how to live as STEWARDS OF THE LAND. It is they whom we must learn from. FOR THEIRS IS THE WAY OF PRESERVATION. THE "AMERICAN" WAY-DESTRUCTION! Ours is an opportunity. We can shed the language of ALIENATION. WE ARE NOT WHITE AND WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT AMERICANS! We are new people. NEW EUROPEANS. We can live in harmony with the land and with other people.

IT IS NOW!!!!!.....PURPLE BRUISE

NOTES ON THE L.A. REVOLT

The role of a revolutionary publication is not only to justify the Los Angeles insurgents, but to help uncover their *implicit reasons*, to explain theoretically the truth for which such practical action expresses the search.

Since the mainstream media has just about pummelled this to death and since just about every other radical rag has somethin' about this, we were going to leave this topic alone. But revolts like this are just too important to skip over, so we thought we'd pull out some of the important points and less known info for public consumption. This info is from just about everywhere. If you're looking for good resources on the subject, check out L.A. Today and Profane Existence #15, both a $1 from p.o.box 8722, minneapolis, mn 55408. The June '92 issue of Love & Rage has a good in-depth anarchist analysis of the riots, $1 from p.o.box 3, Prince St. Stn., NY NY 10012, and for a great personal up-front account check out Publik Enema #3, 2 stamps from p.o.box 4472, long beach, ca 90804-0472. And for the Situationist viewpoint, check out "The Decline and Fall of the Spectacle-Commodity Economy" in the Situationist International Anthology, which is about the Watts riots, but with much relevance to today's L.A. (The excerpts in these pages come from these sources)

It is logical to make an appeal to the law legally. What is irrational is to appeal legally against a blatant illegality as if this contradiction was a mere oversight that would be corrected if pointed out. It is clear that the superficial and outrageously visible illegality from which blacks still suffer in many American states has its roots in a socioeconomic contradiction that is not within the scope of existing laws; and no future *juridical* law will be able to get rid of this contradiction, in face of the more fundamental laws of the society. What the American blacks are really daring to demand is the right to really *live*. In the final analysis they want nothing less than the total subversion of this society. The problem of this necessity for subversion automatically arises the moment blacks start using subversive means. The shift to such methods takes place in their everyday lives as both the most accidental and the most objectively justified development. The issue is no longer the condition of the American blacks, but the condition of America, which merely happens to find its first expression among the blacks.

Race Riot or Class War?

How about both? It was definitely a race issue because there is definitely a problem in this country with institutionalized racism. A third of blacks in this country live below the poverty level. Police brutality is a common occurence in communities of color as the cops act like an occupying army under the guise of a "War on Drugs". The power establishment is predominately white. These were white kops beating a black man, and getting away with it as usual. But it was not just a race issue. Whites rose up in rebellion as well. It was economic conditions and class warfare that set the stage, where poor and working class people rose up and destroyed the businesses and power structures that drain their communities and struck back at a society that continuosly taunts them with images of middle-class crass consumerism. The simple truth is that amerikkka's racial and economic dynamic is incredibly complicated and intertwined, and to reduce this uprising to either is to do it a grave injustice.

Media Traits & Tactics.

--White fascination with black violence. Most whites couldn't give a shit as to what daily life for black people is like--until they get violent. Then the white media, both mainstream and radical, is all over it. Mainstream media uses it to fuel white fears, radicals use it to glorify black rebellion. If radicals are to be taken seriously by the black community, we need to be more realistic and less opportunistic.

--Scaring whites: While people of all different races participated, the media was quick to label it as a racial uprising and repeatedly showed images of blacks beating whites and asians. Racial fears were continually preyed upon and exploited, and the whole affair was portrayed as an attack upon whites instead of a united uprising against white-dominated society.

--Slandering the rioters: Within a few days the terminology turned to condemn those who were revolting. Rioters became "hoodlums". Looters were all "gang members". The News Show Heading was "Assault on L.A.", as if someone from outside the city was attacking it instead of the people and families of the city fighting back. The political motivations were completely trivialized as the rebels were smeared as opportunistic criminals. This paved the way for even more violent police repression. Who cares about civil rights violations on "criminals" anyway, right?

Some miscellaneous little-known info.

--The intersection where the first action began--where blacks attacked cars and the now infamous attack on the white trucker occurred--had previously been visited by police officers who shoved people around and generally antagonized the situation, and then left, leaving a very pissed-off group of people.

--Quite a few homeless people participated in the looting (otherwise known as redistribution of wealth) and acquired much needed clothing and shoes among other things!

--Typically enough, cops and the fire department responded much more quickly to richer areas and slowly (if at all) to trouble spots in poorer communities.

now tons of merchandise is being recovered from the looting that took place. how are the pigs doing this? well, since it's a state of emergency, they don't need a search warrant or "prbable cause" to break down your door, they can just do it. the procedure is something like this: the pigs come to your door and ask for receipts for everything you own. if you can't produce a receipt on, say, your 10 year old TV, then they take it away, and take YOU away for possession of stolen goods. what do they then do with the merchandise? well, since they can't find the original store that had it, it is auctioned off at a police auction. who gets the money? i don't know - they ain't even they admit this so far.

the pigs are also "asking" people to turn in looters. what this does is give a sense of paranoia to people in the community. not only can you not trust the gov't and cops, but you can't trust your neighbors erther. this prevents people from really working togehter (without gov't help - something they really hate) and erodes trust and confidence and unity within the community. the liberal media and gov'ts rhetoric of how everyone should "get along" is bullshit - they want us to turn each other in so that they can "make an example" of us. which translates into: just don't try this again. if you do, this is what you'll get.

many of the fires that were set were not by accident (i'm not talking about the gang ones set to burn out the corporations and racists) - some people who probably saw this as a good excuse to get out of the store owner business took advantage of it (i can't really blame some of them - owning a busines can be pretty shitty) and then collecting the insurance. what sux is that they're now blaming fires that they can't find a cause for on the rioters, when it could have been the owners themselves who did it (this much was proven by a friend who said that a pig actually told her this was happening.) . another excuse i could see with so many fires is gentrification. there are poor areas of cities that companies and the rich have been trying to burn out for years. this was the chance to burn down the neighborhood that wouldn't move, or thay couldn't afford to bribe, and then develop the empty lot with new yuppie condos, some parking lot, or some corporate HQ. its happened before - just ask squatters in NYC.

Solidarity.

Despite what you might have heard, solidarity actions took place all over the world. The fire spreads!

In Germany, the traditional Mayday rioters brought forth banners reading "L.A. Does the Right Thing" and other supporting slogans. Over 10,000 participated, including over 7000 anarchists. The police state was in full force, so not a lot was accomplished, although a neo-nazi FAP (Free Worker's Party) rally was disrupted. In Toronto, Canada, a demonstration about L.A. and the shooting of a black man by Toronto Metro Cop Robert Rice at the U.S.Consulate resulted in rioting when it was crashed by fascists. Stores were trashed, City Hall was invaded and ventilated, and police were battled for two days. Rioting and looting also broke out in Vanvouver and Halifax, Novia Scotia. In France, over 100 people from all over Europe and N.America attending an international anarchist conference in Paris held a demonstration at the American Embassy which was attacked by the police, leading to one cop being taken to a hospital in critical condition. Rioting also took place in Rome.

From a comrade in Greece: "We have been hearing about all these riots at L.A. and other american cities. New World Order is smashed, not at a 3rd World country, but at home. FUCKING GREAT NEWS. Here in Athens, a solidarity demo was organised (4th of May), about 1000 anarchists and leftists participated. Anarchists attacked a couple of the most expensive "bourgeois" hotels of Athens and the amerikkkan Chase Manhattan Bank using molotovs and stones...DO THE RIGHT THING FIGHT THE POWER!"

Here in Chicago, things were apparently quiet. Mayor (Son of "Shoot to Kill") Daley even went so far as to thank Chicago for being tame and passive. How insulting. However, 50 students at Lane Tech reportedly walked out and demonstrated, and word on the street is that there was some streetfighting in Uptown, around Wilson Ave., and a lot of smoke was seen near Cabrini Green the day after the verdict...all completely blacked out by the news, of course.

Anyone out there know more?

Stolen From The London Guardian.

The random looting took on a new pattern of organization, and the earlier attacks on police and firemen assumed an ominous new character Friday morning (May 1) as snipers armed with AK-47 rifles shot two policemen. The two biggest and most feared street gangs of the city, the Bloods and the Crips, announced a ceasefire between themselves in order to "concentrate our fire" on the police. Children with mobile phones were co-ordinating the movements of their gangs with the arrival of police and fire trucks, warning looters when police were on their way. At the vast FedCo discount store on La Cienaga, as the police fought their way through the traffic jam of looters at the front, looting continued unrestrained from warehouses at the rear. Unlike the Watts riots this rebellion has been car-borne and city-wide.

"Right now the failure of our families is hurting America deeply. When families fail, society falls. The anarchy and lack of structure in our inner cities is testament to how quickly civilization falls apart when the family foundation cracks."

Dan Quayle

WASHINGTON—One of every three black residents of America's cities is officially poor, compared with just one in seven urban whites.

An inner-city household headed by a single woman, a category that includes more than half of all urban blacks with children, stands a three-in-five chance of being trapped in poverty.

By the government's measure, a family of four is considered poor if its income in 1990 was less than $13,359.

Cut off from the mainstream economy, inner-city blacks, who once fared better than those in rural areas, are falling farther behind the rest of the black population. The poverty rate among urban blacks had risen to 33.8% in 1990 from 21.2% in 1969, according to census figures. The poverty rate for white central-city residents was 14.3% in 1990.

A similar trend is evident among Latinos. A decade ago, Latinos in California were slightly more prosperous than those in other parts of the nation. By 1990, the state's Latino poverty rate was rapidly approaching the national level of 28.1%.

By contrast, California's Asian population enjoyed a dramatic improvement in living standards, with their poverty rate falling to 13.4% from 17.6% over the 10 years.

Often, Asian immigrant success stories in Los Angeles are attributable to family-owned small businesses opened in poor neighborhoods where blacks believe they have been shut out of economic opportunity. Even before the King verdict, this economic contrast had fostered resentment and even violence between blacks and newly prosperous immigrant groups.

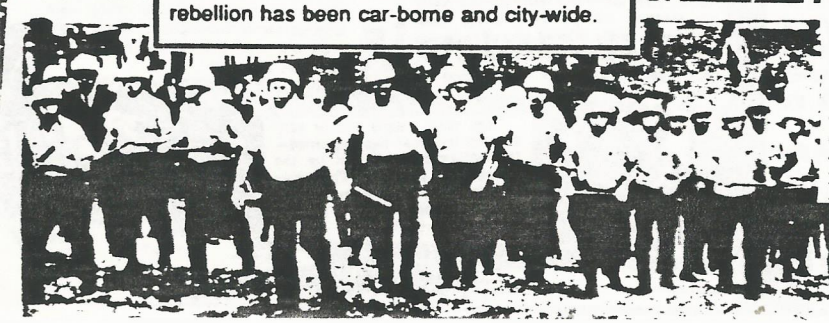
"What took place here was inexcusable, indefensible anarchy. This was an orgy of crime, of rioting and looting. It cannot be defended or condoned." --Mr. Liberty himself, Pat Buchanan, on a tour through L.A.

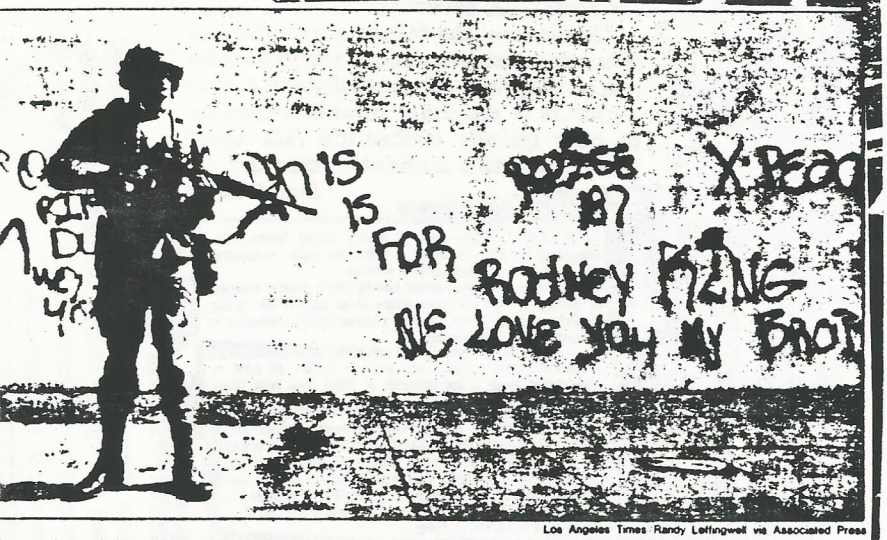
The Los Angeles rebellion was a rebellion against the commodity, against the world of the commodity in which worker-consumers are *hierarchically* subordinated to commodity values. Like the young delinquents of all the advanced countries, but more radically because they are part of a class totally without a future, a sector of the proletariat unable to believe in any significant chance of integration or promotion, the Los Angeles blacks take modern capitalist propaganda, its publicity of abundance, *literally*. They want to possess *immediately* all the objects shown and abstractly accessible because they want to *use* them. That is why they reject their exchange-value, the *commodity-reality* which is their mold, their purpose and their ultimate goal, and which has *preselected* everything. Through theft and gift they rediscover a use that immediately refutes the oppressive rationality of the commodity, revealing its relations and manufacture to be arbitrary and unnecessary.

real desires begin to be expressed in festival, in playful self-assertion, in the *potlatch* of destruction. People who destroy commodities show their human superiority over commodities. They stop submitting to the arbitrary forms that distortedly reflect their real needs.

Looting, which instantly destroys the commodity as such, also discloses what the commodity ultimately implies: the army, the police and the other specialized detachments of the state's monopoly of armed violence. What is a policeman? He is the active servant of the commodity, the man in complete submission to the commodity, whose job it is to ensure that a given product of human labor remains a commodity with the magical property of having to be paid for instead of becoming a mere refrigerator or rifle—a mute, passive, insensible thing in submission to the first comer to make use of it. Over and above the indignity of depending on policemen, the blacks reject the indignity of depending on commodities.

They are promised that, with patience, they will join in America's prosperity, but they see that this prosperity is not a static sphere but rather a ladder without end. The higher they climb, the further they get from the top, because they start with a disadvantage, because they are less qualified and thus more numerous among the unemployed, and finally because the hierarchy that crushes them is not one based simply on buying power as a pure economic fact: an essential inferiority is imposed on them in every area of daily life by the customs and prejudices of a society in which all human power is based on buying power.





Los Angeles Times: Randy Leffingwell via Associated Press

A member of the California National Guard stands watch in front of a graffiti-covered wall in Los Angeles. Federal troops were ordered in Friday to help control the rioting, the nation's worst since the 1960s.

A National Guardsman and the writing on the wall. "Police 187" is a homicide (dead cop!) and "X-Peace" is Malcom X-

Police State U.S.A.

R. Seth Friedman of Food For Thought zine (900 Oak St., #11, S.F., CA 94117) writes: "If the role of the U.S. is as the world's police, what conditions are optimal for it to thrive in? Simply look at the types of policies and interventions the US has been engaged in since 1980. Arming unstable governments to the teeth. Declaring war and invading small nations, creating death, homelessness, and poverty for years to come. Propping up puppet dictatorships creating unrest among its citizens. Arming both sides engaged in a military conflict while denying involvement to each. Sounds like a policy likely to create instabilities."

"This sounds too much like the Rodney King riots. A police force creates an unstable environment so it can build up its involvement and engage in conflicts..."

"What could be more optimal for police departments but to have full autonomy and control?"

"...Perhaps they foresaw the riotous conditions and realized the result would be more manpower, autonomy, control, and money for the department."

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN THE COPS FUCK OFF?

The question of what we're actually going to DO when the cops fuck off has been almost completely ignored by street revolutionaries but it's one of the most important problems we face. There's no way that people are going to be grateful to see the filth turn their tails if they think that muggers, rapists, crack dealers, womyn bashers and other anti-social bastards are going to have a free hand.

However, it doesn't have to be like that. In L.A. people had actually gone to houses of elderly people and made out shopping lists for items looted from supermarkets and malls. In one incident in occupied North Ireland, rioting on the falls road had carried on until early morning and vehicles were needed for for a road block. Along came a milk truck and quick as a flash it was commandeered, but before it was torched all the crates had been taken off and every local household had been delivered two pints of milk!

COMMUNITY RESISTANCE

This sort of interaction between street-fighters and the rest of the community is essential. When looting takes place, we must make sure that goods are distributed to those in need, not as an abstract matter of principle, but because we need to show we care for our fellow prisoners in the slum streets and rat-hole projects more than any incompetent social workers or bureaucrats. And of course in a state of insurrection, those who look after our kids, carry messages and weapons, lie for us in court, and give first aid are as vital to the struggle as the able-bodied street fighters.

But it's not just a matter of handing out a few cans of beans to the elderly. If we cannot deliver safe streets and secure homes for everyone, ordinary people will be begging for the return of the law. Obviously informers must be dealt with severely, but the best way to stop them from creeping out of the woodwork is to prove that the community can do a better job of preventing anti-social behavior than the pigs.

STREET JUSTICE

Street justice is an ugly phrase. It carries visions of Clint Eastwood-crazed vigilantes shooting black kids for being assertive; the IRA kneecapping kids for smoking pot, or "Party of God" religious fanatics stoning women to death in Iran for daring to dress the way they want. But somewhere along the line, as individuals, as communities and as a class, we are going to learn how to dispense street justice. Otherwise, people terrified to walk down their own streets will continue to fall for all that law and order bullshit.

It starts now; with thinking of what you'd do if you saw next door being broken into. There's got to be a better answer than calling the cops or letting it happen and we need to find it before every street has a neighborhood watch snoop snivelling back to the smiling community "peace officer" with his nightstick, gun, tear gas and computer files.

It starts now with making sure, in riots yet to come this summer, that the muggers are challenged and the rapists are eliminated while making sure that clumsiness or drunken stupidity doesn't result in working class people getting their homes burned down.

It starts now with discussions on the streets and communities about what we are going to do when the cops fuck off. Street justice is justice for ALL, by ALL. Anything else is just a new set of cops. We need the answers quickly and we haven't even begun to ask the right questions.

Adapted from an article which first appeared in Class War issue no. 17, spring 1986.

Law Enforcement Glossary

Here is a guide to some of the terms and orders used in a crisis:

- **Heightened Alert:** A state of readiness. It is an operational term, much like "code blue" or "code red," which varies among agencies. For some authorities, it merely involves monitoring the latest radio reports; for others, it requires units to mobilize and stand by.
- **Curfew:** An order to stay off the streets. Technically, it requires people to leave public property or vacant private property. Residents must stay inside or face arrest on misdemeanor charges.
- **State of Emergency:** Issued when a local government is overwhelmed by a crisis. In the case of the riot, it gives the mayor authority to make whatever rules he deems necessary to ensure the public safety. It is issued when officials determine that the usual agencies have reached their capacity, and it opens the way for neighboring departments to assist. Such an order was issued by Mayor Tom Bradley at 12:15 a.m. Thursday.
- **Martial Law:** A call for greater military powers. Martial law gives a military commander the authority to make rules or take actions he deems necessary to restore order. Such authority is granted by state or federal governments.

Source: City attorney's office

ALL THIS ADS UP TO A POLICE STATE!

Doing the riot thing in the 90's.

It's going to be a long, hot summer! Already people are realizing that peaceful protests are easily ignored and do nothing to challenge the power structure. The events in L.A. and elsewhere indicate that people are turning more towards direct action when confronted by racism and exploitation.

In WCF #1 we printed an excerpt from a report by a Police Think Tank, who predicted that for 1995 "Acts of political terrorism in the U.S. will increase in number more than 50 percent over the 1984 rate" and that by 1999 "Urban unrest and civil disorder (of the 1960's-1970s variety) will take place throughout America." The Wind Chill Factor Think Tank predicts these predictions will be a few years late...

one really kool program on KPFK was talking about how the black leadership of LA sold out the black community ~~[illegible]~~ the ~~[illegible]~~ to the pigs and city gov't. they're also saying that the uprising was a case of people realizing that "their" leaders weren't doing shit for them and exposed how fucked working within the system actually is. instead, they took their anger into their own hands, altho some of it was self-destructive and suicidal. many of the so-called "leaders" never really offered any alternatives and basically just preached that the gov't should get more involved in controlling our lives.

a lot of the 13,000 reported arrests were blatant law violations (even for the LAPD!) - such things as people being arrested for breaking curfew while sitting in their front yards, or walking from down their street were common. the "federal law" (for all its worth) states that a person can be charged with curfew violation and arrested if they are suspected of malicious intent. that little clause the media and pigs forgot to tell us. also, some people arrested for looting, were arrested mainly for being at the scene where there was looting going on, whether they participated or not.

"Yes, some people will be very sobered by what has happened—the futility of it all. But for the masses, I'm not sure. They may look back on it as a moment of temporary good feeling in an otherwise rotten world."

RIOTS ERUPT ACROSS THE NATION

After the Rodney King verdict, cities across the United States and elsewhere erupted in the most widespread explosion of rioting and demonstrating since the US invasion of Cambodia was announced 22 years before. To present a picture of just how much went on, the following is just a partial list of cities which experienced disturbances following April 29:

LOS ANGELES: The big one all over the media. 45 dead, 11,000 arrested, 2,000 injured, almost 6,000 fires set. Thousands of police, National Guard, US Army and Marines occupy South-Central L.A. We all know the L.A. story, so we'll continue to the under-reported action:

SAN FRANCISCO: Small march on the 29th. On the 30th, a march begins from San Francisco State and soon turns militant as the crowd lets air out of bus tires. At about the same time, students from another local college blocked Interstate 280 for an hour. By late afternoon, thousands were marching into the downtown area. Widespread looting, window breaking, and attacking of police with flying objects commenced. Rich stores on Union Square were hit hard. Rioting soon spread into the rich neighborhood of Nob Hill, where expensive cars, including limousines, were battered and burned. A police motorcycle was also burned, police vehicles sustained numerous damages, and a handful of police were injured. One protester was shot in the leg when he wielded a baseball bat at a pig. Mayor Jordan announced a State of Emergency, and 1670 were arrested. The following night, between 600 and 800 were arrested in a fascist police crackdown on a march two hours before the imposed curfew. On May 8, 573 were arrested in a similar massive police sweep at a march starting at Dolores Park.

SAN JOSE: On April 29, $16,000 dollars in property damage was done to local businesses in a late night riot which started at San Jose State. Police cars were showered with rocks and bottles, and one man was arrested for carrying molotov cocktails. Around 100 arrests. More marches over the next few days.

EL CERRITO, IRVINE, DAVIS, ARCATA, PERRIS, SAN MATEO, CA. 4/30 protests.

BERKELEY: On April 30, hundreds of high school students left class and marched, meeting thousands of UC Berkeley students. The crowd marched through City Hall to the police station and then marched down to I-80. After evading numerous police blockades, the crowd made it to the Bay Bridge in Oakland, where 396 were arrested. Another march began at 5 pm and went to the police station and began smashing windows. Reportedly, police fired wooden bullets out the windows at the crowd. Later that night, massive rioting on Telegraph Avenue leads to the extensive looting of several shops, burning of cars, battering of police with rocks & bottles, and 68 arrests. 7pm curfew for the weekend.

OAKLAND: 4/30 Over 150 arrests as demonstrators smash windows, set fires, and fight cops. One cop shot in the hand. High school students march, block traffic, and clash with cops.

MARIN COUNTY, CA: 5/1 Hundreds of high school students block the Golden Gate Bridge at noon.

PINOLE, CA: 5/1 Hundreds of high school students block I-80.

PALO ALTO, CA: 4/29, 4/30, 5/1 Thousands of students demonstrate.

RIVERSIDE, CA: 4/30 100 Students protest and toss molotov cocktails at vehicles.

SAN DIEGO: 4/30 Protestors burn flags, bombs thrown into storefront police office and an electronics store. 1000 marching students burn cops in effigy. 5/1 Snipers fire at pigs, people stop cars, break windows and strike motorists.

SANTA CRUZ, CA: 4/29 Students march to pig headquarters, burn flags, and break windows. 5/1 500 march, 50 block an intersection.

BIRMINGHAM, AL: 4/30 Fires set, firemen shot at, news crews attacked.

TAMPA, FL: 4/30 Protestors throw bottles and set fires. Police are met with gunfire. Two snipers arrested, next time we'll improve our aim. Abandoned houses set on fire.

MIAMI: 5/1 Students march on police station. Another group runs through a shopping mall.

EUGENE, OR: 4/30 Hundreds of demonstrators occupied the Federal Building, smashing about a dozen windows and doors after a rally at the U. of Oregon. The next day, university students marched to a middle school to meet students who then blocked an intersection.

AUSTIN, TX: Students march into state capitol building.

WARRENSBURG, MISSOURI: College students riot, smashing windows and overturning a car.

ATLANTA, GA: 4/30 Rioters smash windows, loot stores, and beat white passerby. Government buildings attacked, cars overturned, police hit with rocks and bottles. Curfew set. 5/1 Pigs, trying to keep students on the Georgia State campus, fire tear gas at the crowd. National Guard helicopters patrol overhead. Heavy fighting breaks out, with 17 police injured! 50 arrests. Police car burned.

WASHINGTON, D.C.- Many marches, one attracting thousands. Small incidents of traffic blocking and scuffles with police. The following week, CNN showed riot footage of demonstrators protesting the King verdict and another incident of police brutality by setting fires in the street and throwing molotov cocktails.

DENVER, CO: 5/1 Rioting downtown with many windows smashed.

BOULDER, CO: 5/1 Several hundred people throw rocks and bottles at police.

LAS VEGAS, NV: Massive media blackout as riots rage for 16 out of the 18 days following the verdict. Three are killed and the National Guard are ordered into the city as large numbers of rioters burn buildings, loot, and smash windows on the west side of town. Firemen are shot at and retreat from trying to put out fires (over 90 fires started). Two police stations are firebombed, wounding several cops. One police substation is burned down. Police in armored vehicles meet gunfire in several areas and one is shot and wounded. At least 100 arrests.

BRIDGEPORT, CT: 5/1 protesters loot and smash windows.

PEORIA, IL: 5/1 Pigs attacked with rocks and bottles. Store windows smashed.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN: 4/30 protest. 5/1 protest, random violence and assaults downtown. A gasoline bomb fails to ignite after being thrown into a northside gas station. 5/2 6000 march, small groups break off to smash and loot. Security guard beaten. Later a man armed with a baseball bat attacked the 5th Precinct police station, smashing the front windows and the windows of a police car parked out front. The man is arrested after breaking the hand of a cop.

PITTSBURGH, PA: 5/1 Fires set and windows broken. White man in telephone booth beaten.

OMAHA, NE and LINCOLN, NE. 4/30 Violent demonstrators fuck shit up.

JERSEY CITY, NJ: 5/1 Windows smashed and stores looted.

NEW ROCHELLE, NY: 5/1 About 200 youths looted stores at a mall, police fired tear gas at protesters at a mall garage. The youths retaliated by overturning cars and throwing bricks at the pigs.

NEW YORK CITY: Numerous protests. One march engages in flag-burning, looting, attacks on police, but was pretty small. About 100 arrests.

DALLAS, TX: 4/30 Doing the riot thing.

CHARLESTON, SC: Taking it to the streets and fucking shit up.

SEATTLE, WA: 4/30 About 200 demonstrate downtown. Spontaneous rioting occurs afterwards with bank and yuppie shop windows going in accompanied by looting and car-tipping. 5/1 A violent rampage through downtown early in the morning was followed by a late afternoon demo that blocked traffic on the main freeway. Police car smashed with tire irons and baseball bats. Department store and jewelry shop windows smashed, along with many more. Another riot at 8pm went to the 12th Precinct police building where pigs guarding it were showered with the usual. Burning dumpster pushed into police lines. More stores had windows smashed. 182 arrests.

OLYMPIA, WA: 4/30 Hundreds of students interrupt the filming of a Madonna movie with protest.

MADISON, WI: 4/29 Someone smashed out the windows of 34 parked police cars and left the spray-painted messages "Justice for King" and "All Pigs Must Die." 5/1 200 students protest.

MILWAUKEE, WI: 4/30 After a "Take Back The Night" march, a crowd marched on the police station. Riot pigs used force and arrested more than 20.

BELOIT, WI: 4/30 Violent clashes between pigs and protesters.

ST. LOUIS, MI: Police Academy fire bombed.

TOLEDO, OH: 4/30 Two police cars burned, "A Cop is Next" spray-painted on the road next to them.

BERLIN, GERMANY: 5/1 10,000 people participated in the usual May Day rioting by leftists and anarchists, with chants and banners proclaiming solidarity with the action in L.A. Marchers attacked and beat Nazi skinheads before being attacked by police with water cannon.

ROME, ITALY: Rioting

PARIS, FRANCE: Protests.

TORONTO, CANADA: 5/4 A protest at the US consulate erupted into a riot as people fought police throughout the downtown area. In addition to the King verdict, the crowd was angry over the Canadian police shooting of a black man on Saturday. Hundreds of windows were smashed, police attacked with rocks, bottles, and garbage. Police were attacked at city hall. Running battles lasted 3 hours; injured protestors and police.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA: Rioting & Looting.

VANCOUVER, CANADA: Rioting & Looting.

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RIOTING? IN CHICAGO?

Four white kops get absolved for beating a black man and the country goes up in flames! Except for Chicago, that is, where nothing appears to have happened (although word on the street is a bit different...see "Notes on the LA Revolt"). Then, bang, the Bulls win a basketball game and over 1000 people get arrested for rioting and looting and generally fucking shit up. What the hell?

Why was Chicago so passive after L.A.? Within 64 hours of the verdict, three white Chicago kops killed three black men in separate incidents. Two of the black men were not armed, and one of the kops was off duty. Why did the black community stay passive?

The best explanation I heard came from a white radical who works closely with people of color. She attributes it to the black community investing its political power into electoral politics when they were pushing to have Harold Washington as mayor, to the point where they surrendered most of their energy and radical activity to try and accomplish things from within the system. This was supported by black columnist Vernon Jarrett, who writes in the 6-30-92 Sun Times that "two major spiritual weaknesses contribute to a paralysis of the spirit of black Chicago:

- Too many of [Mayor Harold] Washington's supporters became so inspired by the magnitude of his successive electoral victories that they began to view "black empowerment" mostly in terms of mayoral power.

Consequently, when the chances of electing "another black mayor" failed and there didn't appear immediately a second chance, a smothering apathy spread...

- All that coupled with the false notion that "we can't get anywhere" until there is "black unity"..."

Jarrett goes on to show that black mayor's are limited as to what they can do for their people because of the very nature of the system in which they work. He then explains "it's time that blacks redefine empowerment to mean neighborhood mobilization--independent, if necessary--for a direct influence over the physical conditions and the spiritual and moral climate in their immediate communities, including all institutions that serve their community needs." Pretty damn radical!

So an over-investment in machine politics that flopped seems to have struck down the black community's spirit here, which is why there was no explosion over Rodney King or the other police murders. Well the spirit may be down but the political consciousness is still there, as the rioting after the Bulls championship well proved. The media launched an assault on the "barbarians" and "hoodlums" that launched "random attacks" on businesses and police throughout Chicago. But those attacks weren't random, they were directed attacks at the symbols of exploitation that have been sucking poor communities dry. Except for the drunken yuppies and suburbanites who managed to trample and turn over two cabs as they celebrated in a stupor on Rush Street, most of those who engaged in the rioting and looting were black and hispanic.

THE TOTALS

After the Chicago Bulls won the NBA championship Sunday night, officials counted:

- **Arrests:** 1,060 on charges that included burglary, theft, mob action, disorderly conduct and damage to property.
- **Calls to 911 emergency number:** 6,823 between 8 p.m. and midnight Sunday.
- **Police officers injured:** 95.
- **Police officers shot:** Two.
- **Police vehicles damaged:** 61, including four with windows shot out.
- **Fire vehicles damaged:** 11.
- **Civilians shot:** Three, two by shopkeepers and one suspect by police.
- **CTA buses damaged:** 52, mostly broken or cracked windows.
- **CTA elevated cars damaged:** 68, mostly graffiti.
- **Police on duty:** 2,318, which was 1,300 more than usual.
- **Arson fires:** 9.

Sunday night's violence

After Sunday's Bulls victory in the NBA championship series, scattered violence erupted around the city. Here are some sites affected:

- **43rd & State:** Looting at Amoco station, beauty supply store, Super Jet Food & Liquors
- **51st & State:** Looting at Ali's Submarine, Finer Food and Liquor store; windows broken at health center
- **North Michigan:** Windows broken, some looting at Garrett Popcorn Shop, ACA Joe, Stuart Brent Books, Cartier, Sony Gallery, Hanig's Footwear, Lester Lampert, The Gap, The Limited Express, Citicorp
- **Division & State:** Two taxis overturned and destroyed
- **West Side:** Church's Chicken, Payless Shoe Source, several liquor stores, gas stations and food stores damaged; several fires reported

Sources: News reports, Chicago Police Department

Chicago Tribune

NOW YOU KNOW WHERE TO GO NEXT TIME!

Michigan Ave. Picks Up After Attack by Looters

By Neil Steinberg
Staff Writer

A shaken Stuart Brent sat at the back of his bookstore Wednesday, hours after it and nine other Michigan Avenue businesses were broken into by looters taking advantage of the post-Bulls victory commotion.

"They took the books out of my window and threw them on the sidewalk," Brent said. "You ask yourself, is there a symbol in this? This is a bookstore. We've been here 47 years. This is more than a semipathological or semicriminal attempt. This is a reflection of the extraordinary boredom of the young people of Chicago."

Stuart Brent

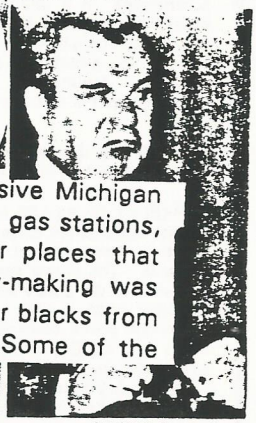
Brent said that only the books in his display window were taken but that because the window was filled with expensive art books in anticipation of Father's Day, his losses are about $8,000.

Would-be thieves shattered the door and three windows at Cartier, 630 N. Michigan, but the security glass did not break and no merchandise was taken. The store was closed Wednesday, as was the Aca Joe clothing store, 622 N. Michigan.

Other stores damaged or looted were the Gap, Limited Express, Structure, Garrett Popcorn, Sony, Lester Lampert, and Johnston & Murphy Shoes.

Contributing: *Mary Ellen Podmolik*

"When you're celebrating ... in America, what you do is you break a window and grab something."
—Mayor Daley


SUN TIMES/Amanda Alcock

"When people have an excuse to loot, they loot," said Mayor Daley Monday.

They attacked cops and police cars, expensive Michigan Avenue downtown, banks, fast-food places, gas stations, real estate offices, liquor stores, and other places that thrive on a system of exploitation. Money-making was targetted, and race was not enough to keep poor blacks from trashing several black-owned businesses. Some of the action was mis-directed, but make no mistake, it was directed. It was not just a celebration, it was a celebration of resistance. And it shows that the spirit is still there, and strong.

Kudos to all those who took advantage of the celebration to strike back at the system!

Tribune photo by Walter Kale

olice check the looted display window of Lester Lampert Jewelers on North Michigan Avenue after Sunday night's violence.

~~Dear Sirs~~:
~~To whom it may concern~~:
Yo, listen up!

It's Kate Star here, reminding you that law enforcement is the patriarch of invention. Oblique? Read on.

This is the first part of a series on security. It is not a how-to guide. Those are useless because they're obsolete as soon as they're written. There's room for covert action in this movement too. The guiding principle of this series is intelligence: getting clear on the information about the shape of the battlefield, knowing the terrain. You've got to develop your own strategy based on your purposes and your resources. I will only go so far as to warn against some obvious flaws in security attempts, but even this is not meant to be comprehensive. What we've got here is definitely a work in progress; I'm reporting it as I learn it. The first bit is kind of sketchy, sort of fragmented, and not all that crucial; but watch for more intense stuff in later episodes.

Good morning class. Let's begin with the bad news. Harley Davidson makes paddy wagons ("squadrols," for the technically-minded). Yep. Nothing is sacred.

Now let's get to work. Ok, kiddies, lesson one. The first topic of the day is Caller ID (or Caller Announce). (You probably already know this shit, but we have to start somewhere.) Caller Announce consists of two parts: a call-tracing service provided by the phone company (for a fee) and a piece of relatively inexpensive hardware purchased by the consumer. Together, these parts make a fucking insidious whole. The "customer" with Caller ID not only has a more sophisticated call-screening device than an ordinary answering machine, but can also identify the origin of the call.

Of course, that's not the end of the story. Callers too are provided (free) with weapons in this information/identification war. The caller with a touch tone phone can press *67 before calling, and the caller with a rotary phone can dial 1167 to block the transmission of their phone number. The catch is that the blocked call registers on the Caller ID machine as "blocked." Neither is this the end. The ~~individual~~ asshole with Caller ID can choose an extra feature which notifies the caller who blocked the call that no calls are being accepted by callers who refuse to identify themselves. That's about as far as it goes for most people.

For the totally committed, the only further recourse really is to call from a cellular phone (if you have acce$$ to one) which will register on the Caller ID box in the same way as a long distance call: out of range. The ~~person~~ shithead with Caller ID then has a choice: refuse to accept long distance calls or risk accepting calls from seriously committed annonymous types. Let us be reminded, class, that annonymous types may not be shielding their location or identity from the person they're calling but rather from the police looking over their shoulder. Up to now, it has only been possible to obtain lists of outgoing calls related to a phone number. Now the technology is in place to create lists of incoming calls. You may only have Caller ID for your own privacy, but the phone company's central office staff can be bribed (or commanded by the court) to even further limit the right of association. No more calls from fugitives for you, babe.

As the situation develops, I'll keep you posted on the ID war. For now, let us move on to the next topic: U.S. Post Office Boxes. In this section I am referring only to the ones in official U.S. Post Offices. That means this info does not necessarily apply to private mail box stores. There are two kinds of mail boxes, business boxes and personal boxes.

PS Form 1093 is the Application for Post Office Box or Caller Service. The applicant must provide a name and local address, the names of individuals and organizations receiving mail at the box, an ID (such as driver's license, military ID) and ID number, and a signature. Completing the form is "voluntary," which means that you don't have to do it, in the sense that you don't have to have a P.O. Box and in the sense that if you don't fill out the form, you're not getting one. Whether the application is for a business or a personal box, the information on the application can be disclosed to any of the following:

"persons authorized by law to serve judical process for the purpose of serving such process"

In other words, you can get a summons, subpoena, alias summons, or alias subpoena at the box.

"a government agency, when necessary for the performance of its duties"
A government agency means any agency, including the Drug Enforcement Agency (always a fine pretense for a search), the FBI, the CIA, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Department of Defense (remember the draft), and a great many others. Also bear in mind that certain agencies consider it their personal responsibility to prevent revolution, or any other significant social change, for that matter.

"anyone, when the box is being used for the purpose of doing or soliciting business with the public"
The information on the application for a business box is theoretically available to the public. The Postal Clerk may be somewhat resistant at first, but in the end will give out the name of the organization/company/etc. doing business out of that box and, when pressed further, will release to the public the street address listed on the application for the box. Furthermore, if a business box is forewarded to a private box or private residence, the forwarding information is also available to the public.

"a Congressional Office, at the request of the boxholder"
This one's probably not all that relevant to the likes of us.

"in response to a subpoena or court order"
There is no such thing as a private box.

"where pertinent to a legal proceeding in which the Postal Service is a party"
Use your imagination.

In addition to the information about the release of information on the application, the application has a list of general rules. Some of them are more interesting than others from the standpoint of security. Here's an example. Rule number six reads, "Boxes...may not be used for the sole purpose of having the Postal Service forward or transfer mail to another address free of charge." This is important to note not because it's everyone's dream to scam on the Postal Service and get free forwarding but because using a box to transfer sensitive mail might not be a great idea if the regulatory infringement might call attention to what might otherwise be your unobserved activities.

DON'T DESPAIR. Be creative. As Depeche Mode would say, "You've got to work hard if you want anything at all." Since the bell's about to ring, I'll finish up this lesson. Be sure to do your homework and to attend the next class well prepared. For the record, I don't like Depeche Mode much. All right, class is dismissed.

Very truly yours,

Kate Star

WE NEVER SLEEP. . .

by.....PUCK

"THE URGE TO DESTROY IS A CREATIVE URGE!"

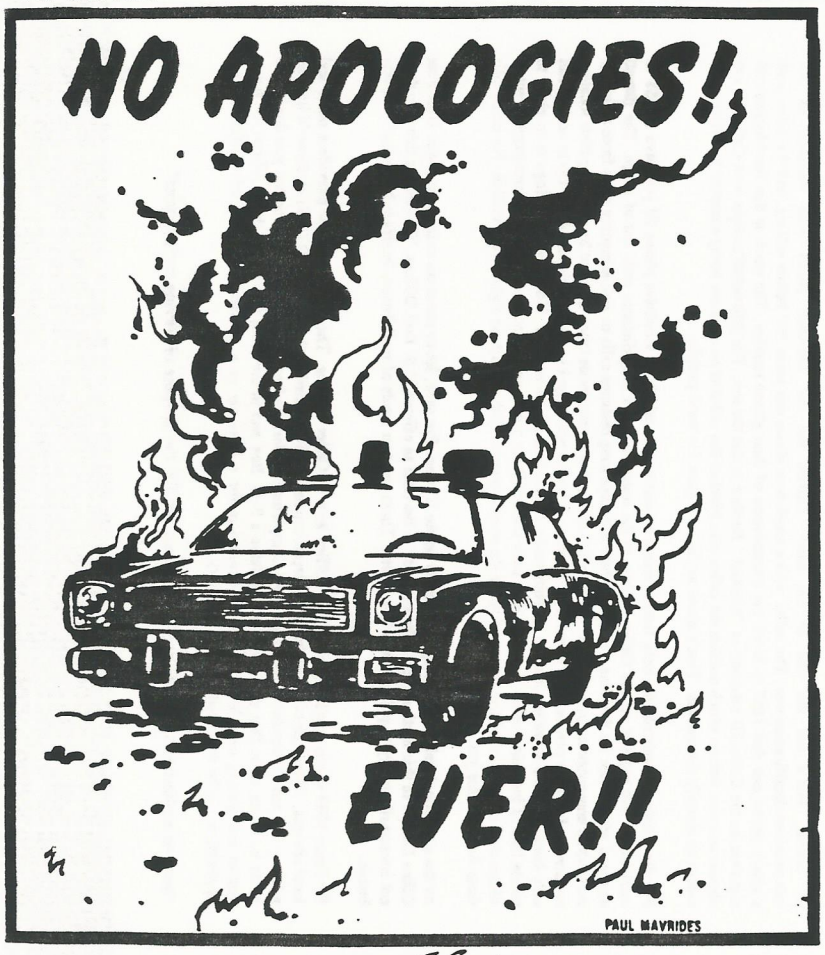
Yo kids! It's riot season as the summer sun threatens to really warm things up! Much applause goes to those of you took action against the government, police, and ruling class in the past few months--let's keep it up!

To quote a Yippie: "Revolution catches everyone by surprise", so this WNS chapter will focus on tactics and ideas for you to keep in your head so you'll be ready to fuck shit up the next time the Police State visits you and your community. BE PREPARED!

WHO IS THAT MASKED MAN? First and foremost is ALWAYS WEAR A MASK!!! People have been arrested months after riots because the cops got pictures and tracked them down. After the Poll Tax Riot in London, police confiscated all relevant film from photo development places and used it to arrest people. This cannot be stressed more!

The best mask is a simple bandana, scarf, or piece of cloth covering mouth, nose, and lower face. Other masks tend to restrict your vision, get uncomfortable, and/or make you more noticeable. If you have purple hair a hat is probably a good idea, too.

Make sure everyone around you is masked up as well. Rip up clothing if you have to. IT'S YOUR FREEDOM AT STAKE!



DISCLAIMER: The practices described herein are for curiosity's sake only. Only fools would participate or encourage others to participate in these silly, illegal, mortal activities.

Cameras are useful becuse they are a deterrant to the police, who don't like to be filmed beating people, but they require responsible use. For this reason, video cameras and photographers who have been asked not to take pictures but still do are legitimate targets.

FASHION TIPS: Today's revolutionary should know how important it is to dress well! It pays to dress inconspicuously (altho photo shots of spikey punks smashing shit up are way cool!), and switch clothing with others occasionally, especially if you've been visible to the cops.

For safety's sake, don't wear dangly earrings or other jewelry that might get caught on something or grabbed. Avoid pony tails (cops love to grab 'em), put your hair in a hat instead.

Wear clothing that's easy for you to move in. Mobility is your best friend! Comfortable running shoes are great, although boots are also nice both for foot protection and weaponry (esp. steel toed!). Wear loose clothing--it's easier to slip out of if you get grabbed.

Gloves are another must. They protect your hands, keep your prints off damaged property, and are helpful for climbing.

Wear long pants and something with long sleeves--it will keep gas and mace off your skin.

If you have glasses, use a sports band so they don't fly off. Contacts are more convenient, but you'll have to take them out if you get gassed (gas will get trapped underneath) and imagine losing one in a heated moment!

Consider wearing extra padding in case of intimate contact with police batons. Extra layers are good for this as well as being peel-off gisguises. The Weathermen used to sometimes tape cardboard/wood/etc. to themselves as armor under their clothing. Knee pads, elbow pads, and a cup could be handy for self-protection, although they may be too confining. Most importantly--protect your head! Cops love to wack you there and watch the blood flow.

There's all kinds of helmets you can wear in heated moments--choose one that's light, not too conspicous, and protects your ears.

AFFINITY GROUPS: Always stay with a tight group of friends you know well, trust, who share the same goals and tactics, and who can watch out for and protect each other. Have a word that you can use to call out to each other in case you get split up, like "Baklava". If the cops grab someone, UNARREST them. If enough people grab the person and shove the cops away, it will work. Think of it as "preventing the abduction of your friend by armed and dangerous thugs". Practice it with your group beforehand. Don't abandon a friend unless they've been taken irretrievably into custody. Have rendezvous time and places set up in case you get separated.

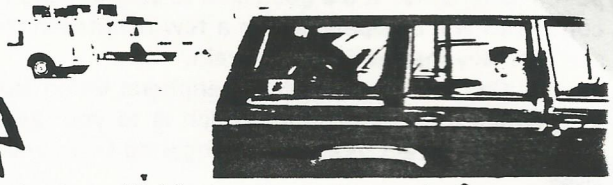
ARRESTS: If someone does get arrested, write down IMMEDIATELY the cops' names and badge numbers, as well as names and numbers of any witnesses. It's a good idea to carry I.D. in case you do get arrested and write your lawyer's, guardian's, or friend's number on your arm ahead of time. If you are being arrested with no hope of escape, yell out your name so that witnesses will know who you are. While in custody, KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT, and say absolutely nothing except that you want to see your lawyer. After your release, immediately photograph any bruises, cuts, and other signs of mistreatment.

CROWD CONTROL: In other words, if you act like a crowd, the police will control you. Don't let this happen. The ideal situation is a large crowd composed of affinity groups who coordinate thru bullhorns and runners, but realistically you're going to be with a motley crew of confused, yet angry, people. If you have a p.a. or bullhorn, use it responsibly. Don't shout things that will make people panic and run, but point out things and offer encouragement and direction.

If your action starts out as a march, it may be wise to set places and times to reassemble in case the cops break it up. Announce it and pass the word around to make sure everyone knows. "Divide and Disperse" is a common police tactic, where they separate marches into smaller and smaller groups and force them to break up. If you are broken off from the crowd completely but you still have enough people, run off and do your own thing. This will make the police spread their forces thinner.

Actually, mobile tactics are considerably effective. You just have to keep moving and stay ahead of the cops. Watch them carefully to make sure they don't cut you off and don't go down any dead ends. Cut loose and smash,loot, and burn as you go. Remember that groups of individuals can go many places that cop horses, cars, vans, etc. can't--like thru buildings.

Another police tactic is "corral and arrest", where they surround a group of people and then arrest them en masse. This requires a lot of police which is good for groups outside of the corral. There's two ways of dealing with this: either get people together and break through the police lines and get out of it, or get arrested. If you have to get arrested, struggle, link arms and legs, go limp, and generally give the police a hard time. This will both inspire others to do the same and cost the cops a lot more time and effort.



SMASH THE STATE

FUCK THE SYSTEM

FUCK E RACISM

If the police charge, people will probably run unless you're with a disciplined crowd that can repel the charge. If this happens, you can probably get the crowd, now pissed at the cops, to turn back after a short distance and attack. When running from the police, don't panic, urge others to be calm, and don't run into any dangerous situations. If you find yourself in trouble, consider ducking inside the bagel shop you're next to, and becoming a totally inconspicous customer for a few minutes.

Always remember that police lines can be broken through. Groups of police can be surrounded and rendered powerless (this is especially effective in making them let go of arrested people). Advancing cops can be stopped by people linking arms and forming lines. Cops will often send "snatch squads" into a crowd to grab, pull out, and arrest people they think are leaders, or who are visible or have a bullhorn. A linked block of people is extremely difficult for police to control, penetrate, or arrest people from.

The best defense against police tactics is to just be aware. Watch their every movement and anticipate their actions. Have people act as scouts to check out what's ahead or what the cops are up to. Don't let them corral you in or push you somewhere you don't want to go. Watch for helicopters as they usually hover over hot spots. Watch their leaders' actions. Get ahold of a police scanner (about $100 from a Radio Shack or free if looted!) and listen to what they're up to. Walkie talkies among your crowd are also great for communication and coordination.

TEAR GAS AND MACE: Open-air gassing is usually an ineffectual tactic. It works best by scaring people who then flee from it in a disorganized manner. Fear also opens your pores and makes your heart race, so more gas gets into your system. Thus the best advice is to stay calm.

Gas will cling to your skin and clothes (change!). Never rub your eyes since your fingers have gas on them, too. Your eyes' natural tearing will rinse the gas out. Using water will just spread the inflammation like an oil fire. Dab gently with damp cotton balls or a clean cloth. Vinegar and water works well.

Spreading vaseline or raw eggs over your skin will seal out most gasses. Wearing a water-soaked mask helps also, or a painters mask. It's a good idea to carry a water bottle or two and a cloth with you!

Gas may be painful but it is not very dangerous. The military makes recruits rip off their gas masks in gas-filled rooms as part of training.

Gas is subsceptible to the weather, and will go with the wind. Sometimes the wind shifts, making the police

cops. Gas will dissipate within a few minutes in the open, and is totally ineffective in the rain.

Gas masks take away peripheral vision from cops and reduce their perception, which is to your advantage. Gas will also affect bystanders, angering them and making allies.

Mace burns uncovered skin and makes you tear and snot. Buy yourself some and dose yourself for practice.

BLOCKADES: Blockading a street, tunnel, or bridge with people is effective for disrupting traffic and drawing attention to the situation (stopped cars are vulnerable to leafleters). Mobile clusters of affinity groups are good for blocking an intersection, then leaving and moving on to another when the cops show up.

Blockades built out of dumpsters, trash cans, newspaper boxes, chairs, overturned cars, or whatever are

particularly good for sealing out cops in vehicles or on horseback. This creates a "safety zone" where property damage or looting can take place. Barricades also provide good cover for rock or molotov throwing. Burning barricades are particularly effective at keeping the cops out, and also make the situation lively and exciting, which is empowering!

RIOTING: This basically consists of throwing whatever is available at the police, police vehicles, and targetted buildings. The heavier, the better. Sticks and pebbles are mostly just show, but rocks, bricks, and full pop cans make good missiles. Molotov cocktails and fire grenades are exciting, but they do relatively little damage. They're best used as bombs among combustibles.

Rock throwing is best done from a crowd, just be sure to throw high if there's people in front of you. Fire bombs are more dangerous so should be thrown by a lone person who charges the police lines.

Remember that explosions follow the path of least resistance.

When throwing at the police, go for vulnerable or easy to hit targets, like a bunch of cops hanging out behind the lines. Aim for ones without riot shields. Also go for the cops handling the tear gas or water hoses. Most importantly--take out their commanders. Grunts like these find it difficult to think for themselves and taking out officers disrupts their chain of command.

WEAPONRY: Besides the usual rocks and petrol bombs, there's quite a few other "tools" that can come in handy.

Crowbars or large metal sticks are effective for taking out windows. This lets you save the bricks for the cops.

Slingshots are probably the ideal street weapon. Wristrockets can shoot projectiles faster than a .22 bullet. This will take out most windows and put large holes in sturdy ones. It will significantly dent police armor as well. Any round object can serve as a projectile, like large ball bearings, but marbles are best as they shatter on impact.

Flare guns are a potent weapon often used in street fights in Germany.

M-80's or other large, powerful fireworks can be taped to windows with a lit cigarette attached to the wick, giving you a few minutes getaway time.

Fire Grenades, easier to throw than mollies, can be made from light bulbs or x-mas ornaments. Fill with gas and/or other flammables and use soaked cotton as a wick.

A hevy belt buckle on a strong belt can smash an assailant's teeth as well as windows. The length of the belt serves as leverage for more power.

A few extra key rings on your set of keys provides you with an instant set of legal brass knuckles. Heavy rings are also nice.

Keys are also good for vandalising new paint jobs on yuppie cars or leaving messages on bank windows. Etching fluid works well as it eats glass. And if you really want to say something carry spray paint!

Finally, it always helps to know a martial art. At the very least, go for vulnerable spots and fight dirty. Fight to win.

TARGETTING: When damaging or looting buildings, be selective of your targets. Government buildings, cop stations, cop cars, limousines, BMW's, banks, real estate developers, chain stores, etc. are all legitimate targets as they're a large part of the exploitive system. Homes, churches, and community places are obviously to be left alone. As to smaller stores, it seems to me that striking closer to the heart of the power structure is more important than destroying ma & pa type stores, although I doubt anyone is going to shed a tear over the 12 burnt down small liquor stores in an impoverished black community.

When setting places on fire, be aware that you aren't going to damage any other places that you might not want to damage, like the community center next door.

If you're going to be doing some major property damage, you're best off going to a part of town that deserves it, like the downtown financial district, or the posh upper-class snob neighborhood. Take the war right to their front yard and shove it down their throat. "They put their toxic waste dumps and cancerous factories in our neighborhoods, let's put our spray paint and bricks in theirs!"

LOOTING: First off--always post lookouts and have a quick getaway in mind should the cops crash your shopping party.

Second off--looting should be a revolt against our commodity culture, a breakdown of the commodity exchange. It should NOT become a festival of materialism and consumerism--keep your mind on the issues!

Beyond being redistribution of wealth, looting

Some parts of this article were blatanly plagiarized and stolen from Profane Existence, Slingshot, and an old Yippie article called "Be Preapared! How to Survive Chaos" by Uncle Che.

Puck's Shitlist
hit hard, hit often.

I would, of course, never tell you to send hate mail, magazine subscriptions, or anything else to any of these addresses:

ARYAN NATIONS, P.O.Box 362, Hayden Lake, Idaho 83835. (thanx "Ashes")

DOW CHEMICAL, 400 Perington Hills, Office Park, Fairport, NY 14450. (thanx "Nitrate")

NATIONAL REVIEW, P.O.Box 96639, Washington, D.C. 20090-6639

PEOPLE'S GRENADES

A very simple way to make a grenade is to fill a two-ounce bottle with gunpowder or other explosive. The bottle cap is drilled for a fuse. The bottle and part of the fuse is then smeared liberally with plastic auto body filler and and laid on waxed or paper surface and allowed to harden.

BREAKING OPEN LOCKS

Pry it open with a crowbar. Second method is to cut it off with a bolt-croppers (keep them very sharp). Or just shoot the fucking thing open.

Here's another installment of 1-800 numbers to call constantly! You can just hang up, lecture them, or have a conversation. Remember, every call costs them time & money, which is less for them to do business as usual. Heres's some tips:

- Use a pay phone (its free!), they may trace the call...
- Some places may tape calls...
- A lot of these numbers have answering machines for off-hours. What a wonderful opprtunity to expound at great length why you despise them!
- It's very effective to focus calls--either do a phone zap with several friends who call multiple times on a chosen day, or repeatedly & incessantly focus on a few.
- If it's a number you can order from, put an order in for your local eco-rapist, your neighbor kop, or the head of the local anti-choice group. Better yet, call in (carefully!) to a snitch line & turn them in for drug dealing, etc. Be creative!

1-800-
825-8000 NEIMAN MARCUS FUR SERVICES, end animal slavery!
824-1580 G.T.GLOBAL, the leader in international investing.
882-0500 MT.RUSHMORE PRESERVATION SOCIETY
848-5683 BIRTHRIGHT antichoice scum.
827-LEAD (827-5323) LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, a national training resource for young conservatives.
535-STOP (535-7867) Drug Snitch Hotline that awards cash for anonymous tips.
CRACK-44 (272-2544) Another "War on Drugs" Snitch Hotline.

H. ROSS PEROT FOR PRESIDENT (1-800-285-8683): This asshole, presenting himself as an independant candidate against Bush, advocates the same things as Bush- no bail, declaring civil war, POW camps for drug dealers, suspending constitutional rights, etc.

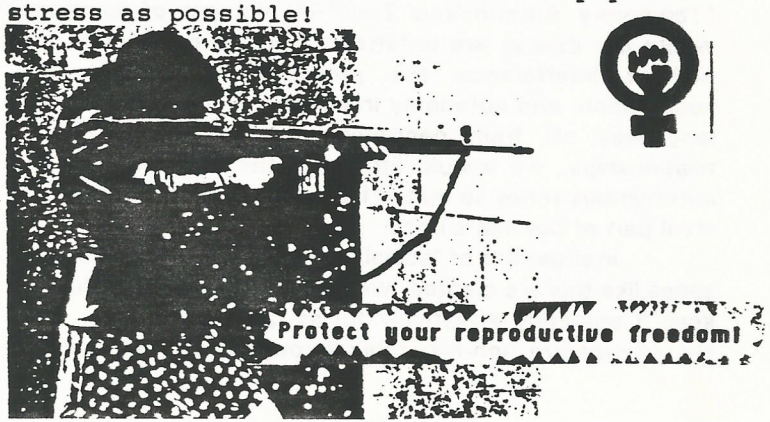
D.A.R.E. INFO LINE (1-800-TALK-KFC): Funded by Kentuck Fried Chicken, their recording says their goal is to establish a DARE program in every school starting with the first grade; Also has info on how to tell if someone you know is on drugs.

BECTON DICKINSON (1-800-631-1122): Police drug test kit manufacturers; Financial supporter of the Partnership For A Drug-Free Aamerica.

20 WAYS TO DEAL WITH OPERATION RESCUE

Having had more than our fill of dealing with Operation Oppress-You and other fundie wing-nuts and their attacks on clinics, we've compiled this handy list of actions that your affinity group can take the next time they come your way, so that we can defeat them easily each time to the point where they break down, plead for forgiveness, and turn pro-choice.

- Find out and stake out the places that they gather. Follow their buses.
- Call their hotline numbers and office numbers to get info.
- Use spies.
- Crash their all-night prayer vigils/slumber parties.
- Stinkbomb their vigils/slumber parties (butyric acid!), or invite the Fire Dept.
- Disable their buses (break, etch, or paint windows...glue or jam locks...slash their tires).
- Find out where their leaders live. Call them (they're usually home around 3am). Pay them midnight visits. Let their neighbors know they live close to a toxic mental waste site.
- Get everyone you know to come out for clinic defense. Work with the clinic defense groups (if they're too NOW-like and you can't stomach them, pump them for info).
- Wear masks because there's a war on against wimmin and these are the front lines.
- Keep them from exiting their buses.
- Use their inability to think for themselves against them by targetting, distracting, and shadowing their leaders.
- Wear boots and your spiked jacket. Consider carrying mace.
- Use anything from rotten tomatos to piss balloons on them as they're packed in front of the doors (watch out for friendlies).
- Do whatever you can to pull and drag them away and make it as unpleasant as possible for them if they're in front of the doors.
- Have big signs to hold in front of their gory ones.
- Enlist the drive-by public support with "Honk For Choice" signs.
- Memorize the words to "Every Sperm is Sacred".
- Spontaneous guerilla theatre is usually fun!
- Remember that the police are not there to help you.
- Remember the reason why you're out there so early in the morning--to get the wimmin who have scheduled abortions inside of the clinics with as little mental & physical stress as possible!



should also be a community service, when you can get away with it! With just a bit of organizing you can do grocery drop off for your whole street, or deliver a shipment of new clothes to the local homeless advocacy group. Take your whole family along--it's fun!

Certain places should be immediate targets for looting, like electronic stores and gun shops.

OTHER TRICKS: There should be no limit to our creativity when we come up against the police state. Here are just a few good ideas:

Firecrackers or the screeching feedback from a bullhorn are good ways to make cop horses skittish. Just watch your feet!

Teargas cannisters can be picked up (wear gloves!) and thrown back behind the police lines by daring individuals. Be careful, though--some cannisters are designed to disintegrate upon impact.

If you're on a section of street that the cops are advancing towards, you can always accidentally spill a large puddle of fuel or leave a nest of firebombs--which can be safely ignited from a distance with a fire grenade--then watch the piggies dance!

A wire, rope or something similar can be used to dismount cops charging on motorscooters. Scooters and cycles can often be knocked over easily with a good kick.

Cop cars and vans are vulnerable to a brick thrown through the drivers windshield.

Spilled marbles, ball bearings, or golf balls will send the riot squad sailing.

If your arrested friend(s) gets tossed in a paddywagon, slash its tires so that it can't go anywhere. They'll have to let 'em go or try to switch 'em to another vehicle. Sometimes you can just throw open the back doors of paddywagons from the outside.

A well-dressed womyn can usually cross police lines easily and spy.

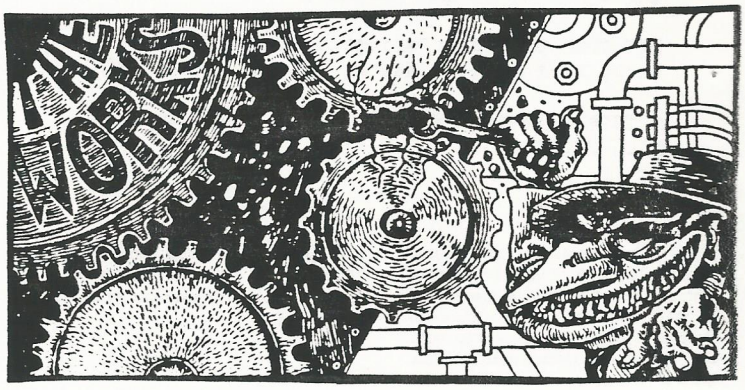
Rooftops are a good place to heave and drop just about anything on the cops (TVs, boiling water, grease, refrigerators, etc.). If you do it well enough they might not even know that you're there! Just make sure you don't get trapped up high.

Today's electronic media will help you keep on top of the situation. You can sometimes find out where the hot spots are from the TV or radio news. Cellular phones and walkie talkies can help you coordinate activities.

In recent L.A., places to be destroyed were sometimes marked with symbols or slogans in advance, and later burned down.

AUTONOMOUS ZONES: When rebellion spreads and people take to the streets, there exists for a while collective autonomy. Autonomy from the state, from its police, and from the exploitive economics and kultural aspects that keep us down. This is what Hakim Bey describes as a "Temporary Autonomous Zone"--a moment of liberation where our desires are unfettered and we can experience without interference the principles of mutual aid, cooperation, and autonomy in action. Since we are still a long way off from destroying the system of power relationships, we should strive for the creation of such autonomous zones so that at least for a short while we can steal part of our live's back.

In situations of "social disorder" where autonomous zones like this are created, we should make every effort to keep it operating effectively for as long as possible. We should organize non-hierarchical cooperative methods for dealing with the necessities of survival without the state--food, clothing, shelter, community self-defense, etc. If people's needs can be satisfied and problems solved by cooperative means, we take a further step towards the day when we are truly free. And with each taste we will resist even more strongly against a system that kills us slowly, and strive even more so that eventually **we will make it happen!**



ELFSHOTS
short tips for midnight gremlins

CORRECTION: In the last Chapter of WNS (WCF#6) we printed a recipe for a firebomb that came from an Apostles record. The recipe says to fill a 2-liter plastic pop bottle with gas. Well, it might be safer for you to know that GASOLINE EATS THROUGH PLASTIC, although it takes a while. So we recommend waiting to put the gasoline in the bottle until you are about to use it.

These are a few good recipes for gelled flame fuels (Napalm): Mix 36 parts gas, 1 part rubbing alcohol, and 20 parts laundry soap (not detergent). Pour rubbing alcohol and gas in jar and mix. Add laundry soap and mix until it thickens. (I have heard by adding vasoline to this mixture you can make it waterproof).

The next recipe is: Place 7 parts rubber cement and 92 parts gas in a bottle and shake well. Add one part vinegar and shake until gel forms.

Your Chef of Anarchy, "The Grinch"

For places with Auto Refund Machines, copy or scan the UPC code from the back of a Coke can. Paste it over codes on non-returnable cans and the machines will take 'em. Good for nickels (dimes in Michigan).

For free local mailing, put your address where the receiver's address usually goes, and put the person who's receiving it's address in the return address area and don't put a stamp on it. The Post Office will mark "Return To Sender" on it and deliver it to the address in the upper left corner.

written by "The Candidate"

If you're mailing to someone locally you can put a one cent stamp on it, and it will be mailed. For out of state, a 5 cent stamp and a 1 cent stamp will get it mailed.

"The Candidate"

HEY YOU! Write down and send in IMMEDIATELY any scams, recipes, or sabotage tricks that other midnight mechanics can make use of!

Chimera Self-Defense for Women

The Chimera is a female mythical beast whose name has come to be associated with an imaginary fear. While women's fears of attack are far from imaginary, the fear that they are helpless to defend their own security is one which Chimera is dedicated to defeat.

The need for self-defense

No woman is immune from the threat of violence today. Every woman knows someone who has been assaulted in recent years. Every woman restricts her life because of the fear of violence.

These fears must be confronted pragmatically. The challenge to women today is to live their lives safely and sensibly without incorporating crippling limitations. To meet this challenge, women must face the realities of assault and rape and the society that produces them. They must have confidence in themselves and in their right to defend their persons and their privacy. In order to avoid assault, they need to know how a rapist thinks and how he chooses his victim. A woman who is aware of her options in a potentially violent situation can then choose her best defense, whether it is psychological, verbal or physical.

What is rape?

Rape is a violent crime, an invasion, a frightening experience. All women may be raped regardless of age, race or economic status.

Realize that you may have to deal with a would-be rapist sometime in your life. Raise your consciousness about rape so you are better prepared to deal with it whether it happens to you or someone close to you.

Who is a rapist?

There is no "typical" rapist. He can be an acquaintance, a relative, a salesman, neighbor or stranger. More than half of all rapes occur in the woman's or assailant's own home because the attacker has broken in or has somehow won her confidence.

Rapes occur at day or night, in public and in isolated places. Although women who are raped fear that they will be killed, few rapists are murderers.

Precautions against rape

By "being aware" a woman can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of rape. This does not mean however, that all rapes can be prevented or that when rape occurs it is the woman's fault – rapists commit rape and are fully responsible for their actions.

IN YOUR HOME

Secure your home with good lighting and effective locks – deadbolts where possible, and locks on windows and sliding glass doors. Have a good lock on your bedroom door and a phone in the room. If you return home after dark, plug a lamp into an automatic timing device, so a light will be on when you get home. Or leave a light or a radio on before you leave in the morning. If you live in an apartment, remember the landlord is legally required to provide adequate lighting in hallways.

Be aware of places where someone could hide – laundry rooms, alcoves, lobbies, dark hallways, stairwells, bushes, alleys, parking garages.

Use only your first initial and last name on mailbox and phone book listing. If you live alone, add "dummy names" to the mailbox to create the illusion. Keep up this illusion with telephone callers or someone at the door – never reveal to a phone caller or someone at the door that you are alone.

Avoid leaving notes on doors for neighbors or delivery people telling how long you'll be gone or when you'll be back. Tell family members, especially children, not to give out information about who is home, and how long anyone is expected to be gone. Do not send a child to answer the door; in fact, teach children NOT to answer the door.

Require proper identification of all repair men, utility workers and delivery men. If you have ANY doubts, verify identification before admitting anyone. Call the phone number of the company the telephone operator gives you, *not* one he gives you.

A dog can make a good alarm system, but don't rely on it for more than that.

IN ELEVATORS

Stay at the front of the elevator, near the side control panel that has the alarm button – on some elevators, pushing the alarm button STOPS the elevator. If someone gets on of whom you are suspicious, push other buttons, so that the elevator will stop at all floors. If someone suspicious is already on the elevator, stay out of it. Wait for the next one to come along.

ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

On the bus or the EL, sit near the driver or conductor, in a single seat or an outside seat. Stay alert and notice people around you. Move or change seats if you are bothered by someone who sits down next to you. Be alert to people who may follow you when you leave. If followed after getting off, head towards populated, well-lighted areas.

IN AUTOMOBILES

Lock your car when entering and leaving. Be sure ALL doors are locked. Have your keys ready as you approach, and visually check to see if anyone seems to be underneath or crouched beside it. Be wary of someone hanging around a car next to yours. Wait until he gets into a car, or leaves. Before entering, check front and back seats to see if anyone is hiding there. Make sure your car's dome light is operating.

Open windows just enough for ventilation, or to ask directions, but not enough so that someone could put a hand in. Keep purses and packages out of view - under the seat or in the trunk.

If you suspect you are being followed, blow horn intermittently, put on your flashing hazard lights and drive to the nearest police or fire station, open gas station, or all night restaurant. If someone flags you down, keep your windows up and doors locked and be cautious. Tell him you will send help.

If, while on an isolated stretch or highway with little traffic, a car behind you bumps into the back of your car while you're stopped at a stop sign, be very careful. It could be a setup. Stay in your car, and wait for him to get out of his car. If you sense any suspicious behavior, drive off, blowing the horn and flashing the lights. Report such incidents to the police *immediately*.

ON THE STREET

Wear clothing that allows you freedom of movement, and shoes that you can run in. Arrange purse, books and packages so that you always have one hand free.

Have your keys out and in your hand, ready to use, when approaching home or car. Carrying the keys between your fingers makes you appear and feel even more alert.

Walk on the outside of the sidewalk, away from building doorways or alleyways where people can hide themselves.

When she says NO

SHE MEANS NO

IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Know your neighborhood. Be familiar with people and activities on the routes you take daily – to and from work, school and shopping. Learn an alternate safe route also – in case your regular mode of transportation is not available, or if you think you are being followed.

Know your neighbors. You don't have to *like* all of them but you should know who's a neighbor and who's a stranger.

Be a concerned citizen. Join and support neighborhood crime prevention organizations and activities. Report burned out or inadequate lighting, abandoned buildings and overgrown foliage to the proper authorities.

If approached

Be aware of your personal "space". Rapists often "test" a potential victim by judging how she will react – passively or assertively – when her area of comfortable space is invaded. Your area of "comfortable space" can vary from a few feet on a crowded sidewalk, to a whole block when you're out late at night and alone.

Act alert and confident in public – head up, brisk walk. If you think you look timid and scared when out on the street, practice a strong assertive look in a mirror until you look convincing.

Avoid conversations with strangers. If you feel you have to answer, do so simply but firmly. If anyone wants to ask you a question, make sure they do so at a reasonable distance. No one need be closer than three feet to be heard, and no stranger should feel free to put his hands on you.

Avoid being maneuvered into alleyways, doorways or cars. Keep moving towards your destination, and don't get so involved in listening to what he's saying that you aren't aware of what he's doing.

Listen to your inner warning signals. If someone appears to be taking too great an interest in you, seems to be following you, or if you just feel nervous about anyone for any reason, *don't* tell yourself it's only your imagination, TAKE ACTION! Change directions, cross the street and move towards a place of greater safety: people, stores, traffic, lighted areas.

Always keep your eye on someone close enough to grab you. If he bothers you or tries to prevent you from leaving, make eye contact and tell him "LEAVE ME ALONE" or "GO AWAY" in a loud, controlled voice. Be firm about what you want, and be as public as you can. Attract attention: if necessary, move into the street, break windows, knock over things, damage property. Grab on to a bystander and don't let go. Yell "FIRE!"

If physical contact is unavoidable

Instead of worrying about past actions or future consequences – "Why did I accept a ride from him?" or "What will my boyfriend think?" – keep your thoughts on what *is* happening. Concentrate on what you *could* do.

Don't wait to be grabbed. If someone starts to make a fast move towards you, start YELLING. A rapist often follows the same pattern and disrupting his script might give you time to escape. Throw your books or packages into his eyes to distract him and RUN!

Never assume that "it's all over". Take several deep breaths. This will speed oxygen to your brain and lungs to help you think clearly and yell loudly. Consider possible avenues of escape.

Physically resisting

Your main objective is to get away to safety. The choice of whether or not to physically resist can only be made by you. But it is important to know that recent studies show that women who act quickly, assertively and use many strategies are much more likely to avoid being raped than women who just plead with an attacker, or try to talk him out of it. And not resisting doesn't mean that you won't be hurt further in addition to being raped. If you decide to resist physically, your chances are best if you resist *immediately*.

TAKING POWER

FIGHTING BACK

Avoid being grabbed. KICK to the kneecaps. (Your legs are longer and stronger than his arms.) Avoid being pulled/pushed into a car or doorway by bracing yourself *against the object* he is attempting to pull/push you into. In close, you can still kick, and you can also: GOUGE the eyes, STRIKE with stiffened fingers into the hollow of the throat, or with the edge of your hand into the windpipe, SMASH the heel of your hand hard up under his nose.

Keep it up until he lets go of you. Keep yelling, and run away towards a place of greater safety as soon as you are able.

The need to be prepared

PHYSICAL PRACTICE

Just knowing where to strike doesn't mean you'll know HOW. Take a good self-defense course and then practice what you learn. Even a couple of minutes of review practice a day can make a difference.

MENTAL PRACTICE

Even good physical self-defense techniques will not help you unless you are mentally prepared to use them. Anytime you are intimidated by someone, mentally see yourself successfully defending yourself against him. Imagine a truly brutal rapist when visualizing the use of the more destructive techniques. Anger can be helpful. Most rapists are repeat offenders. Think not only of yourself, but of other possibly more vulnerable women he might attack.

Mentally rewrite destructive stereotypes of women as helpless victims on TV or in movies. Visualize yourself in the situation and see yourself acting competently.

Women who think they will "freeze and forget everything" if attacked, probably never learned what to do in the first place. Being psychologically and physically prepared to act if you are attacked is good prevention.

If you are raped

Remain as calm as possible. Take a mental photograph of the rapist. Without appearing to, notice everything: clothes, hair, scars, tattoos, his height in relation to you.

If raped someplace other than your own home—a car, apartment—remember everything about the setting. Leave your own fingerprints everywhere. Hide some small personal item such as a button or an earring—anything which can later be traced to you. Preserve all physical evidence and do not bathe or change clothes.

A woman needs support and information whether or not she decides to report the rape to the police (Chicago's rape hotline numbers are listed below.) Hiding rape and not getting help can result in serious long term problems for someone who has been attacked.

Call the police as soon as possible. Delayed reporting makes it harder on you and more difficult to find and convict the rapist. You can file a report with the police, even if you decide later not to prosecute. Remember that most rapists are repeat offenders and that the police and the courts can't stop them without your help.

Where to get help

Loop Center YWCA-Women's Services 372-6600
Individual or group counseling for women who have been raped, recently or in the past. (Bi-lingual.) Monday-Friday, 9 AM-5 PM

Mujeres Latinas En Accion 226-1544
(Bi-lingual.) Monday-Friday, 9 AM-5 PM

Southwest Women Working Together 436-7678
Counseling for women who have been raped.

Northwest Action Against Rape 228-0990
24-hour crisis intervention line, support groups, court advocay. (North and northwest cook county, bilingual.)

South Suburban YWCA 748-5672
24-hour crisis intervention line. Individual counseling and support groups. (South suburbia.)

Sarah's Inn 386-4225
24-hour crisis intervention line. (West suburban.)

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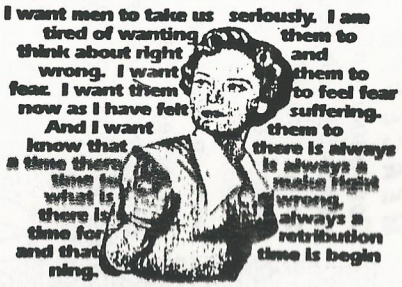


GUIDE 2 SYMBOLS

MONEY. International symbol for Greed, Corruption, Exploitation, and Death.

PEACE used by hippies, pacifists, and anti-war activists everywhere.

CLENCHED FIST. Power. People's Power. A green fist is Earth First!, a red is communists, black is sometimes Black Power.

DOWN WITH MONEY.

MERCEDES BENZ. Commonly mistaken by wanna-be hippies for a peace symbol. Feel free to destroy any car with a hood ornament like this (well, at least in countries like this one where these cars are considered a status symbol).

STAR. Militant direct action. Often used by groups engaged in armed struggle. Red stars are commies, black are anarchists, red & black are anarcho-communists or anarcho-syndicalists, etc.

SWASTIKA. Used by Nazis, neo-nazis and other fascists.

ANARCHY/AUTONOMY. Used by anarchists and others as a symbol for freedom.

ANTI-FASCIST SYMBOL from the early 1900's. The arrows stand for Liberty, Equality, and Brother/Sisterhood.

W.A.R. White Aryan Resistance--Tom Metzger's vitriolic and violent white supremacist organization.

DYKES and FAGS. Watch out for 'em.

MONKEYWRENCH. For monkeywrenching and other forms of sabotage

BISEXUALITY.

HAMMER & SICKLE. Communism.

CELTIC CROSS. The symbol for White Power, used by the KKK, racist boneheads, the UK's National Front, and other white supremacists.

ANARCHA-FEMINISM and BISEXUAL ANARCHISTS respectively.

WORK RESISTOR'S. Fuck work! Burn down the Factories! Let's play!

AMERICAN FRONT. More white power fascist scum.

EQUALITY for all!

ARYAN NATIONS. A religious white power group that believes the "aryan nations" (the white race) are the true tribes of Israel.

WIMMIN'S SYMBOL. Used for Wimmin's Lib/Power.

THE PARTY'S OVER. Created by the band Missing Foundation, it represents an upside down martini glass. A sign of impending doom towards yuppie scum.

POSSE COMITATUS. A large, grass-roots white power group. Very successful in rural areas because of farmer support, recognizes no authority above sheriff.

TIME. Used by rappers to say "You know what time it is!" Also a subtle form of psychological imprisonment.

STAR OF DAVID. Symbol for the Jewish people which pre-dates the State of Israel. Often used by Zionist groups.

TOPY. Used by both Thee Temple of Psychick Youth and the band Psychic TV.

STRAIGHT EDGE. punks who emphasize pure bodies & minds and are therefore against drugs & alcohol. Personal development as a priority.

HARDLINE. This is the record label and philosophy of bands like Vegan Reich and Raid. Straight Edge Vegan Fascists. These dorks believe in a vegan revolution, and some of them are outright homophobic, anti-choice, fascists.

PINK TRIANGLE. Queer symbol, taken from its use in Nazi death camps to mark queer prisoners. Also used in the movement against AIDS, to push the notion that Silence = Death, Action = Life.

ILLUMINATI. The eye in the pyramid symbolizes this secret society which, of course, secretly controls the world. (psst...don't tell anyone)!

DISCORDIANS. Anarchistic crazies who hail Eris, Goddess of Discord, and seek to counter the Illuminati (?).

CHAOS. Entropy, change, disorder, anarchy, and all that fun stuff.

SKULL and CROSSBONES. Poison or Danger! Used by pirates everywhere and Class War in England.

ECOLOGY. Used by environmentalists, etc.

SQUATTING. Used by squatters and on squats.

BLACK CAT. Sabotage!

GANG SYMBOLS. Chicago street gangs use a variety of methods to identify each other. Graffiti-wise, gangs usually mark their territory with their initials and symbols. For the most part, gangs are divided/united into two gang "nations": People and Folks (although I hear the Latin Kings, commonly called a People gang, are very independent and pretty much do their own thing).

Each gang will use its own symbols, as well as symbols used in common by the gangs of their nation. For the Folks, two common symbols are a pitchfork pointed up and a star with 6 points. I've also seen winged hearts and (backwards) swastikas used. Common symbols for People are pitchfork pointed down and a 5-pointed star. I've also seen dollar signs and spanish crosses used. People use pitchfork down to dis ("disrespect") Folks. To paint a name or symbol is upside down, reversed, or to put a line through it, is a dis.

Here are all the specific gangs I know, and any symbols or colors they use (that I know). Folks: Black Gangster Disciples (black & blue, heart with wings), Mighty Latin Disciples (black & blue), Spanish Cobras (green & black), Warlords, Simon City Royals (black & blue), Latin Eagles (eagle's head), Imperial Gangsters (pink & black, crown with round edges), Gents, 2-1s (for 21st St.), 2-6's (black & tan). People: Latin Kings (black & gold, pointed crown), Vice Lords (black & red), El Rukns, Insane Unknowns (black & white), Spanish Lords, Counts, Bishops, 2-3's, Latin Lovers, Spartans, Savage Dogs.

FOLKS

PEOPLE

LK

Gangbangers also use hand signals ("throwing signs") and wear their clothing certain ways to signify allegiance. There are too many hand signals and I can't draw, so you'll have to figure those out yourself. Clothing folded or tilted or whatever to the right is Folks, to the left is People. Just about anything is a sign: tilted hat, arms folded one way, folded pant leg, hand in pocket, body leaning one direction, earrings, gloves, shoelaces, bandanas in pockets, tattoos, etc. Some even color the inside of their pants pockets with their gang colors.

"Taggers", who write their names ("tags") all over and compete with each other, should not be confused with gangs. Taggers work in "crews", and often they'll put their crew initials up by their tags. I know J4F is the Just For Fun crew, B2B is Born To Bomb (another word for tagging), CMW is Chicago's Most Wanted, DAD is Down and Dirty, TCK is The Criminal Kingz, FDS is Fuck Da System!, and CCA is Criminals Causing Anarchy! (They also use Circle A's). I've heard some taggers will put up NBC for "Never Been Caught". Ha!

This information is not being supplied so that cops or others can mess with gangs more, but so that <u>you</u> can relate better to the gangs and taggers in your community, and get past the stereotypes and mystique that make it easy for the authorities to demonize them. Community "leaders" who see gangs as a problem usually want only to work with the police to "eliminate" gangs. Why not work with the gangs and try to change their direction towards more positive and community-oriented activities?

RIOT KOPS, KLANSMEN, AND ANARCHISTS, OH MY!

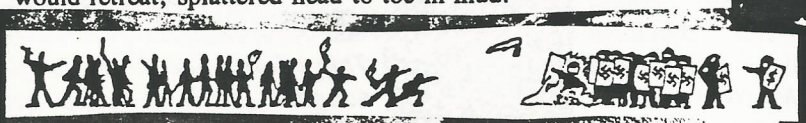
On but a few days notice 10 of us anarchists and radicals jumped in two cars and headed up to Janesville, Wisconsin on May 30th to spend a sunny saturday hanging out with the Klan. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan that is. Our favorite hooded hatemongers were holding a 5-hour rally complete with a cross-burning, and we showed up to express our dissatisfaction.

We arrived and joined the other protestors who were already gathered in the park. There were over 400 of us, including methodists, zionists, tons o' liberals, a large International Socialist Organization contingent dominating the microphone, some gangbangers from Chicago, lots of local Janesville people, and a bunch of masked anarchists from Milwaukee, Madison, Minneapolis, and Chicago. For the most part the crowd was white. A lot of the Janesville people were young.

About two football fields away, beyond 3 snow fences and about 60 riot cops with tear gas and waterhoses, was the Klan. About a dozen of 'em wore robes, and there were about 30 or 40 others. They had a huge wicker cross set up next to the trailer where they were holding their rally.

After about 20 minutes of lame chants like "Ban the Klan", some of the more radical types started getting restless and began taunting the cops and messing with the fence. We didn't care about "banning" them, we figured they had the right to show up, and we had the right to confront them. So while police with video cameras filmed from the park building roof, we began to dissassemble the first fence. The cops didn't particularly care for this, so they turned the hose on us.

The fence went down immediately, and while the cops showered us with water, we began showering them with rocks, bottles, pop cans, pebbles, sticks, and the mud they had conveniently created. They made preparations to tear gas us but didn't because the wind was blowing against them! About 100 people, including quite a few angry Janesville people, masked up, ripped up the fence, and attacked the cops. The cops protected their waterhose with a shield, but there were plenty of others to throw at. Groups of riot cops moved forward several times, being hit with sticks and under fire, until they were stopped by rows of people linking arms, and they would retreat, splattered head to toe in mud.



in the cop's faces, screaming and yelling and totally pissed off. One cop took a direct hit with a bottle filled with piss. Another took a big rock in the elbow and was taken away. A bad throw from someone on our side accidentally injured a womyn near the front. The cops kept moving forward and back until it became repetitious. They made a couple of snatch squad arrests. Some unarmored captains came out and made good targets for awhile. Eventually, with reinforcements from Beloit, two counties, and state troopers, they swelled in size and formed a line where the fence had been, and the fighting slowed and eventually stopped.

When the fight began, the Klan had stopped their rally, and some of them took out shields with celtic crosses on them. They watched the entire fight, and didn't continue until it had stopped an hour and a half later.

During the fighting, some of the methodists and liberals came over and tried to convince those who were fighting to stop. Some ISO goons also put down their "Fight the Klan!"

signs long enough to come over and order us to stop fighting. Mostly they were ignored or told to stop ordering people around, but a lot of good debate when on. Of course, most of the mostly white crowd only see the Klan as a problem, not as a direct threat to and attack on their persons, as blacks, jews, gays and others feel. The Klan's ideology is based on bigotry and hatred, and fueled by violence. Confronting the Klan violently is not an assault on them, it is an act of self defense. (After all, the best defense is a good offense!) Malcolm X didn't even call this self defense, he called it intelligence.

It is unfortunate that violence needs to be used, because injuring other humyns is something I think we all object to. But each Klansmen and supporter made a conscious choice to be out there and support the Klan's ideology, which is an attack on all those the Klan preaches hate against. Each cop that defended the Klan made a conscious choice to do so, and "duty" is no fucking excuse. (Of course, it wasn't much of a surprise that the cops protected the Klan so vigorously, considering that the head of Janesville's Klavern, Exalted Cyclops Kenneth Peterson, used to work as a drug informant for the Janesville police...who's in bed with whom?...not to mention that their ideologies are compatible...) But if we ever fail to confront the Klan or other racist scum like this, then we're allowing a crime to be committed on others. And we risk all of our futures by allowing them to spread their propoganda without confrontation. (Every time the Klan gets confronted in this manner, their organizing in that area goes down.)

After seeing what a threat the crowd was to their rally, the Klan cancelled their cross-burning, knowing the police would have a hard time holding us back if they did it, and high-tailed it out of there. We were somewhat disappointed that we got rid of them so easily, but started back on the road knowing we had managed to drive them away once again. The highlight of our trip back was stopping at a gas station and accidentally running into an 8-car Klan caravan, with Thomas Robb, Grand Dragon of the Knights of the KKK sitting in the passenger side of a blue van with a Duke sticker on the bumper. We figured we were outnumbered and they were probably armed to the teeth, so we stayed low, but next time...

White Power = Depravity's Hour

Well it's a happy hi ho to friend and foe,
Near and far, from me, Kate Star.

Auntie War told me from her spot on the porch,
It was gettin near time I carry the torch.

So I come to you now from this city of screams
To fondle some tactics and nurture some dreams.

Though I cannot say I'll continue in verse,
Neither do I promise herein to be terse.

Having climbed high and low, having left and come back,
Time is a'wasting; let's plan our attack!

More poetry suits me this sweet afternoon,
And my ego is fine, so I'll play the buffoon.

But the matters I write of are really quite serious.
To ponder them long could make you delirious.

The Klan paid us a visit one fine Saturday.
We all went out to greet them, to make them go away.

It wasn't likely that they heard us, though,
Cause lines of pigs protected them so.

Water cannons they had not, a park hose, that was all
So, cold and wet, we aimed with mud, and truly had a ball.

No cross was burned, and the Klan drove off;
We followed near behind.

But hunger seemed more pressing,
As we had no plan in mind.

Thus the Klan escaped once more to propagate more hate.
It shows me even clearer why we need to smash the state.

Too many times police have held us back from fighting fascists,
While they terrorize those they despise,
We're supposed to sit around and talk about peace and
democracy and convince people to vote for liberals?!

Like fucking hell.

(As you can see, I will not bend ideas to fit the rhyme.
Art for art's sake, I'm afraid, must find another time.)

Protesters, cops clash as Klan rally watches

Police arrest 8 in Janesville melee

By Teresa Wiltz
Chicago Tribune

JANESVILLE, Wis.—A demonstration against a Ku Klux Klan rally in a city park Saturday turned into a melee between protesters and police officers protecting about 20 white-robed Klansmen.

Eight people were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, police said. A 17-year-old girl who was struck in the head with a rock was reportedly taken to a local hospital, but a nursing supervisor would not confirm the report. One officer was struck in a shoulder by a rock, but he was not seriously injured, police said.

As police turned a fire hose on the rock-throwing crowd several times, the Klansmen watched the confrontation quietly and listened to country-and-western music on loudspeakers in Rockport Park.

About 160 police officers in riot gear from Janesville and surrounding communities kept the 200 to 300 demonstrators behind makeshift fences in an open field about 100 yards from the Klan rally.

The demonstrators were mostly white youths, some of whom sported contemporary hairstyles such as orange-dyed hair and Mohawks. The robed Klansmen were joined by about 30 supporters.

Protesters threw rocks, cans, sticks and other debris at police. Arms linked, they taunted police, chanting, "The cops and Klan go hand in hand." When protesters knocked over the makeshift fences, police sprayed them with water, and when an officer wrestled one protester to the ground, other demonstrators hit the officer with their signs. The officer was apparently not injured.

The Klansmen had erected a 20-foot wooden cross in the park, but they decided not to set it ablaze because they did not want to incite violence among the protesters, said Kenneth Petersen, who identified himself as the exalted cyclops of the Klan's Knights sect.

"They don't scare me, but I can see them jumping over the fence," he said. "I think it's best we don't do it, to keep the peace."

While protesters and police clashed, Petersen, who wore a white robe and hood, lounged in an armchair in a camperlike trailer that served as the rally's command post.

"You see who the violent people are. We have not been violent," he said.

The rally ended with a left-hand salute by Klansmen accompanied by a shout of "white power."

The event was part of Petersen's efforts to build a Klan chapter in Janesville, about 30 miles south of Madison. It is a blue-collar town of 52,000 with an abundance of city parks and Victorian homes.

Minorities account for about 6 percent of the population. There had been no significant reports of racial tension in the town.

One protester, Susie Peltz, who traveled with her 50-year-old sister and several dozen others from Milwaukee, lamented the melee.

"We are here against the Klan. We came here for a peaceful demonstration," she said. "[The Klan members] are eating dinner and laughing at us."

Earlier Saturday afternoon, about 200 anti-Klan demonstrators wearing buttons that read, "We're All In This Together," gathered in a park in nearby Beloit. They played music, talked about their kids, gobbled down barbecued ribs and sang "America the Beautiful."

Though many area residents were quick to dismiss local Klan activity as the work of outside agitators, others said Rock County's high unemployment rate and the small-scale riot that broke out in Beloit following the Rodney King verdict make the area ripe for trouble.

"There's a lot of hopelessness and despair here," said Vicki Jenthoff-Johnson, who serves on the Beloit City Council. "And those kind of people, like the Klan, feed on it."

In an unrelated rally in Dubuque, Iowa, about 500 residents and out-of-town protesters shouted down Klan supporters Friday while police in riot gear tried to keep the two sides apart, The Associated Press reported.

Aside from a few, brief fights and egg-throwing incidents, the rally was peaceful, the wire service said, but tension escalated when police escorted the 50 Klan supporters from the downtown park. There were two arrests and a broken store window downtown, according to AP.

Corpus d ... on the Rudolph farm, of a five-year old boy murdered by Posse Comitatus leader Mike Ryan

crimes, from painting swastikas on synagogues to racially motivated murders, have steadily risen over the past four years; cross burnings alone doubled in 1991. Klanwatch, a monitoring group based in Montgomery, estimates that there are now 346 groups, up from 273 in 1990.

"This is going to sound awful crude to say this, and maybe it will come out wrong," says Robb, "but at least during the time of slavery, they earned their keep. What benefit are they to us today, after food stamps and public housing and heating their homes and cooling their homes and caring for their children and taking them to the hospital and all the things that are done? Where's the appreciation for that, and what is the benefit to us?"

With his message goes a commercial tie-in. Besides the usual Klan caps and T shirts and stickers, these rallies offer pricey Klan kitsch, like a ceramic statuette of a hooded Klansman whose eyes glow an eerie red when you plug it into an electrical outlet ($25 at a rally or $20 for the mail-order version).

ROBB HAS TAKEN UP where Duke left off, using modern marketing methods to enhance the Klan's image. The Klan sells itself on tabloid TV and on business cards emblazoned with three large red *K*s. There is even something for Klan kids: balloons depicting a hooded night rider on horseback. "We're selling white pride, white power, whatever," Robb says. "It doesn't make any difference if you're selling the Klan or used cars or toothbrushes."

These excerpts are from "This is the Klan!", the introductory newspaper put out by the Knights of the KKK, p.o.box 2222, Harrison, Arkansas 72601. They publish a newspaper called the White Patriot. Our comments appear in italics.

RACISM **Who is the Grand Wizard?**

WHITE

A LEADER FOR THE 90'S

Gutzon Borglum, the patriot that sculptured the likeness of four presidents on Mount Rushmore was a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

DOES THE KLAN HATE NEGROES?

One of the foremost thoughts in the minds of most people is that the Ku Klux Klan hates Negroes and other non-Whites. Some people are so sure of this that they will actually want to join the Klan for this very reason. How disappointed they must be when they find out that the Klan does not hate Negroes!

Yes, those who want to join the Klan because they believe the Klan will

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be fertile ground to promote their hatred toward Negroes quickly learn that the Klan is based on LOVE and not hate.

The Klan attempts to be very careful so that the only people that become members are those motivated out of love for our people. Perhaps that may surprise you. Perhaps you have heard or read that the Klan is a "hate" group. Those anti-White extremists who hate America and our people have given us this label. The reason is because they realize that most people will be turned against the Klan if they think the Klan promotes hatred.

The Klan, however is not a hate group, but we are a LOVE group. We are a love group because we LOVE America and we LOVE our people.

The Klan does not believe in slavery and believes that the Negro should have the right to self-determination. Self-determination is the belief that a people should have the right to rule their own affairs. However the Negro is not being given this opportunity unless it is in the form of **oppressing** the rights of White people.

The Negroes are unaware that they are merely the pawns in a gigantic "chess game" being played out by internationalists who hate America and our Constitutional REPUBLIC.

The Klan, however, also believes in **self-determination for WHITE PEOPLE!** If, as we are always told, **black majority** rule in South Africa is good, WHY is White majority rule in America bad. White people should not be continually forced to bow and scrape before the demands of Negroes, Jews, Asians, Mexican and other so called minorities.

Most of this crap speaks for itself. It is interesting to note how the Klan is desperately trying to clear it's image: "We're not violent! We don't hate! We're about love!" HA HA HA HA!

First they scapegoat blacks by saying they are "oppressing the rights of white people" (!) then they conveniently shift the finger to the shadowy "internationalists" who are using blacks as pawns! Thus they can say that they don't really hate blacks!

Fuck majorities! Fuck rulers! Self-determination FOR ALL PEOPLE! Let's stop fucking each other over and trying so hard to get ahead of each other, and work together!

-QUESTION-

Don't you know that God made ALL the different races and colors? Why are you against them?

The Klan is NOT against other races. We agree that the different races were created by God. We are not against anyone because of their skin color. What we oppose is interracial marriage of the races as this would **destroy** the separate races created by God.

HISTORY has firmly established that each race, in order to reach its highest potential must remain separate. By doing so each race can fulfill the destiny designed for it by God. Not the Klan, but history has proven that the different races can live in peace only when they remain separate. Racial problems exist **only** when the races are artificially brought together.

Each race creates the kind of society that is best suited for them. The White race creates a society and environment that is best for it and the Negro creates the kind of society that is natural to them. **It is the way of nature!** Who are we to tell the Negro that he must adopt our ways and standards. It's like any other law of nature, to go against it, regardless of what loving platitudes are given for an excuse, brings destruction.

Remember, it's not nice to fool mother nature!

Give me a fucking break!

WHAT DOES THE KLAN BELIEVE?

To answer this question is much like answering the question, *"What do Americans believe?"* The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan believes in LOVE. It is true that the Klan has been labeled by the national media as a "hate" group (See, *The Media and the Klan*, elsewhere in this paper), yet the truth is that we are not the haters, we are the lovers. There is only one thing that the Klan wants our people to do. We want the American people to love their children and help secure a bright and prosperous future for them.

Those who are against the Klan are the true haters. Because of their hatred for our children, the eventual outcome of their insane social and financial programs will destroy all that our forefathers gave us. Our children have placed their trust in us to pass this great heritage unto them.

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faith. We love the morals, ideals, faith and heritage of our people. We love the flag and the soil sanctified by the blood of our forefathers who were willing to sacrifice their blood in order to purchase so great a freedom, a freedom that may soon pass forever from this fair land. To preserve this freedom we must answer the same call that our forefathers so willingly responded to when they faced the choice between freedom and tyranny.

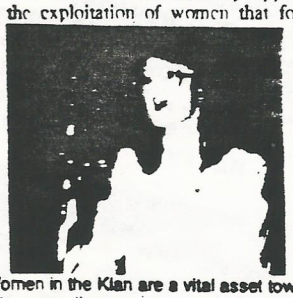
What about the blood spilled by those forefathers as they slaughtered the Native American population and stole their land in the name of progress and Manifest Destiny?

WOMEN and the Ku Klux Klan

Introduction to the KKK

Women hold a very high and exalted position in the eyes of the Ku Klux Klan. We believe that for too many years women have been held back and not treated fairly in the job market.

While we are certainly opposed to the exploitation of women that force them into the work force and away from their families, the Klan never-the-less believes that women have much which they can contribute. We certainly encourage the contributions which they can make in the areas of science, health care, technology, space exploration and in other areas where their talent may lead them.



Women in the Klan are a vital asset toward future growth.

We do not believe women should be held back as has been done in the past by international finance which has exploited them with low wages, dangerous working conditions and prevention of career advancement.

While we accept the contributions that can be offered by our women, the Klan still believes that our women find their greatest fulfillment as mothers of our children. Strong, healthy, God-fearing, tempered and loving children do not just happen, but are the product of a caring mother that finds satisfaction and pleasure in the nurturing of her children.

Women that are gifted with natural talent who wish to make a contribution to society should be allowed, however, no woman should be forced, by economic pressures, away from her home and her children, as is being done today, by the shambled economy brought upon us by the greedy bankers of international finance.

"Women in the Klan are a vital asset toward future growth" because they can make nice, submissive baby-factories to produce future hordes of hate-mongers. Wimmin's Liberation is not about joining in the fucking cut-throat patriarchy and trying to get up the ladder, it's about overthrowing patriarchy and all forms of hierarchy, of which capitalism is just one, and working towards true equality!

Did you know?

That the *Knights of the Ku Klux Klan* is bringing a message of hope and deliverance to America.

That *The Knights* is the oldest and most professional White Christian organization in America.

That members of *The Knights* come from all sections of the country and from all walks of life.

That Thomas Robb, the National Director of *The Knights*, is an ordained Baptist minister.

That *The Knights* have members in other countries such as Canada, Germany, France, England etc.

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We emphasis ONE requirement for every member of *The Knights*, and that is that they conduct themselves with Christian character. We want our members to live their lives as honorable, descent, dignified WHITE people. If you want to act like low-class white trash, then we don't need you!

It is also interesting how they play directly on the fears of white working class people. They grab the attention of people who have a burgeoning revolutionary consciousness, who are sick of being fucked over, but instead of blaming the system, they find convenient scapegoats. (I think it was Hitler who said something about needing scapegoats in order to have a revolution...) The truth is, that even though whites do have a priveleged position in this society because of its very nature, that working class whites get fucked over too. But the enemy is not the "Dark Hordes" that white xenophobia looks out for, but the fucking Ruling Elite that fuck over everyone and keep us at each others throats so that we're never a threat. So we're not going to stop the Klan just at actions like Janesville, because the ones that don't flock to the Klan flock to scum like Bush and H. Ross Perot. The real battle is in everyone's head and every fucking community in this country. And if we don't start soon we're going to see 1933 all over again...

Illinois White Supremacist Groups (a partial list)

Klan Groups

Invisible Empire, Knights of the KKK -- Beecher...This is a North Carolina based group. They publish The Klansman. Their Imperial Wizard is James Farrands.

Knights of the KKK -- Chicago...Probably this country's largest, most visible group. National Director, Thomas Robb. Based in Arkansas. Publish The White Patriot. Ed Novak is the Illinois member of the National Grand Council.

Other Groups

American Nationalist Party -- Charleston
American White Supremacist Party -- East Peoria
Christian Patriots Defense League -- Flora
Church of the Creator -- Chicago...An anti-semitic and anti-christian group based in Otto, N.C, publish a tabloid called Racial Loyalty. Jeremiah Yates is their leader.
National Association for the Advancement of White People -- Peoria...This is the group started by David Duke.

Neo-Nazi Groups

America Nazi Party -- Chicago...The key figure here is Art Jones (who owns Art Jones Insurance Agency, 1805 W. 95th St., Chicago 60617, 312-238-9666).
American First Committee -- Chicago...This is the group that supports Art Jones whenever he runs for office and fails. P.O.Box 29316, Chicago 60629, 312-434-1323.
National Socialist Viking Front -- Chicago

Skinhead Groups

Aryan Women's League -- Chicago
CASH (Chicago Area SkinHeads) -- North Aurora
Chicago White Viking -- Chicago
Confederate Aryan Skinheads -- Blue Island
Guardian Brothers -- Peoria
National Socialist Skinheads -- Cicero
Northern Hammer Skins -- Midlothian
White Aryan Youth -- Midlothian

In 1991 there were two Cross Burnings in Illinois, one in September in St. Elmo and one on July 1st in Chicago. In October, a Latona white couple with two adopted black children were threatened with arson. There were 11 incidents of reported vandalism, in Calumet City (2), Champaign, Peoria, Chicago, Aurora, Justice, Oak Park, Carol Stream, Waukegan, and Lincoln.

A lot of this, but not all, information was provided by Klanwatch, 400 Washington Ave., Montgomery, AL 36104.

If you have any information on any of these or other white supremacist groups or activities, please contact us at WCF and let us know...p.o.box 81961 Chicago Il 60681.

Hey kids, the scene is gearing up for a good summer and we thought we'd let ya in on a few things:

Collective Chaos is a new collective that is doing D.I.Y. - nonprofit - all ages punk/hardcore shows at Too Far West Cafe, 2059 W. Chicago, as part of an effort to develop an autonomous community in Chicago. Money is split between the bands and political projects such as Wind Chill Factor, the Anti-Racist Summer Project in Minneapolis, and others. If you want to book a show call James at 312-489-0175 or send a demo tape to C.C., c/o WCF.

A huge thanx goes out to the bands that have played CC shows so far: SUBCOR, FUCK THE BUREAUCRACY, THINK, NECKBRACE, THE KEEP, 8-BARK, and LOS CRUDOS, and Rich from CRANIAL STRUCTURE for doing sound!

C.C. shows will be on Saturdays, $4 (for 3 or 4 bands), doors open at 4pm and starting at 4:30pm sharp! During the show, an Autonomous Zone is in full effect. For this reason no sexist, racist, homophobic, or other such fucked up bands will be booked.

Built On Blood is a new compilation celebrating 500 Years of Resistance from Columbus to the New World Order. This LP & EP (!) comes with a great booklet that has lots of great info on Native American struggles. The comp. features 22 bands of all different sounds! You can get this (highly recommended!) for $8 from 2340 W. 24th St., Chicago, Il 60608. Proceeds will go towards Native American groups.

Show Listings is a twice-monthly listing of shows done by Further Beyond Productions together in order to bring Get copies of the scene more. a stamp or of the list for a send your show listings to FBP at 1210 place, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

DEAD STEEL MILL has broken up, although it looks like the bassist & guitarist are going to go on to different things.

Underdog Records is still working on its latest compilation, Achtung! Chicago Zwei, due out August 1st, and the 2nd (and better!) issue of Underdog Zine should be out any day now. 8-BARK is in the process of recording a new LP, entitled Structurally Sound, which should be out Aug.1st as well. The Underdog Collective is open and growing, if you're interested in helping out contact Underdog at (312)772-4545 or write POB 14182 CHILL 60614.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

COLLECTIVE CHAOS PRODUCTIONS, *Too Far West Cafe 2059 W. Chicago, (312)489-0175 (James), all shows on $4, 4-8pm.*

Sat JULY 18: FRICTION, GAUGE, SUNSPRING (Kentucky)
Sat JULY 25: CAPTAIN JAZZ, BOLLWEEVILS, HORACE PINKER (Arizona), SCHERZO (California on Lookout!)
Sat AUG. 8: CRANIAL STRUCTURE, F.Y.P. (N. Carolina), NAKED AGGRESSION (Wisconsin)
Sat AUG. 22: ANGERHOUSE, PROPHETS OF RAGE, PROJECT 22 (solo punk!)
Sat SEPT. 5: tba (DEMISE?, THINK?)
Sat SEPT. 19: FLAIL, MOONMEN, TRENCHMOUTH
Sat OCT. 10: tba (ESKIMO NATION?)

OUT OF CONTROL PRODUCTIONS, *McGregor's, Rte.83 & North Ave., Elmhurst IL (708)941-7650, all shows $6, 6-10pm.:*

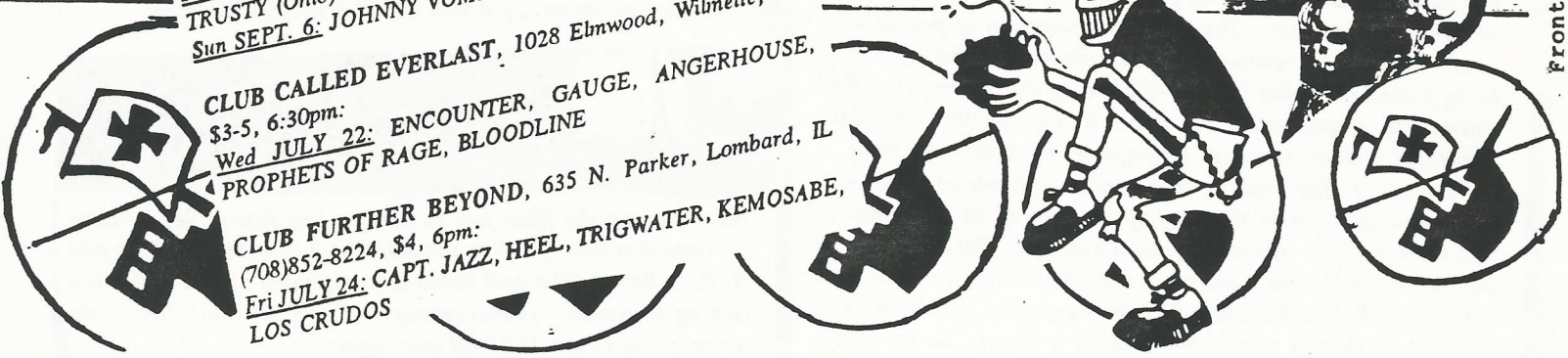
Sun JULY 19: KEMOSABE, FRCITION, GREEN STREET, SUNSPRING, ALL U CAN EAT (California)
Wed JULY 22: BLUE MEANIES, TVTV'S, CLUTCH (DC), 4 WALLS FALLING (DC)
Sun JULY 26: MAMA TICK, APOCALYPSE HOBOKEN, CAPITALIST CASUALTIES (California), THE DREAD (Cal.)
Wed JULY 29: UPSIDE DOWN CROSS (Mass.), tba
Wed AUG. 5: LOCKJAW (Canada), 3rd LEG (Texas), tba
Sun AUG. 9: LOS CRUDOS, NAKED AGGRESSION (Wisconsin), ECONOCHRIST (Cal.)
Sun AUG. 16: DYSFUNKTION, WITHIN, SLAP OF REALITY
Sun AUG. 23: HAM PLANET, SMOKING POPES, SLUDGEWORTH, JAWBREAKER
Sun AUG. 30: CAPT. JAZZ, GARDEN VARIETY (Cal.), TRUSTY (Ohio)
Sun SEPT. 6: JOHNNY VOMIT, LETCH PATROL (NY)

CLUB CALLED EVERLAST, *1028 Elmwood, Wilmette, IL, $3-5, 6:30pm:*

Wed JULY 22: ENCOUNTER, GAUGE, ANGERHOUSE, PROPHETS OF RAGE, BLOODLINE

CLUB FURTHER BEYOND, *635 N. Parker, Lombard, IL (708)852-8224, $4, 6pm:*

Fri JULY 24: CAPT. JAZZ, HEEL, TRIGWATER, KEMOSABE, LOS CRUDOS



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On Wednesday, June 3, SPITBOY played in Chicago. They are an all womyn hardcore band from Berkeley, on tour this summer, and if they come anywhere near your area, you have to see them! Their lyrics have a powerful anti-sexism, pro-woman attitude; and they proved at their show that it wasn't all talk. In between songs, the lead singer Adrienne, took the time to point out these fucked up posters on the back wall of McGregor's that say things like "If at first you don't succeed, buy her another beer." (Adrienne, by the way, does a really good 'zine called "Too Far"--p.o.box 40185 Berkeley, CA 94704-4185) They were wonderful, energetic, Amazonian wimmin, and I left their show feeling great and wanting to slash the tires on their van so that they would stay and live in Chicago. A great local band, with a political message about everything from date rape to queer lib, called PROPHETS OF RAGE opened for them. Don't worry, you can catch them at 4pm on August 22 at a Collective Chaos show at Too Far West Cafe.

From the time of birth, we are all manufactured like products by society for society. The human species must realize the capability to seize control of individuality and resist the expectations and stereotypes that are forced upon us in everyday life.

Book Your Own Fuckin' Life, the first Do-It-Yourself Resource Guide is out, and much thanks and applause is deserved of the MRR and Profane Existence shitworkers who slaved to finish it. If you haven't seen a copy, get one. It's a must for any band, distributor, venue or traveller in the DIY scene. Available for a buck from Profane Existence, POB 8722, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

The RoachMarket will be a swap/market/fest/get-together free-for-all at the Underdog Records loft (2047 W. North Ave.) on July 25th, noon-6pm, and the last Saturday of each month from now on. Art, literature, food, jewelry, tattoo exhibits, records, zines, films, clothing, and fun! Come and bring whatever you work on/have!

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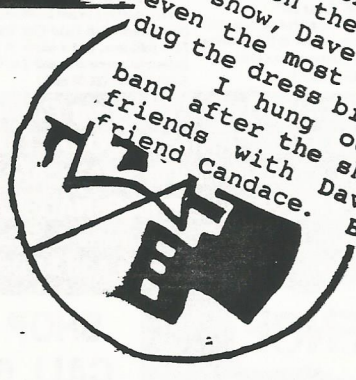
The Struggle is a new zine from the South Side spearheaded by Rich from C.S. Productions. The first issue has interviews with P.E.N., AGNOSTIC FRONT, and Dickin' Jane (ahem), as well as local scene reports, schedules, and some show comments from FUCK THE BUREAUCRACY. It's $1 from CS Productions, POB 29556 Chicago, Il 60629, 312-581-3480. Rich occasionally puts on shows in the South Side, so if you're interested give him a call.

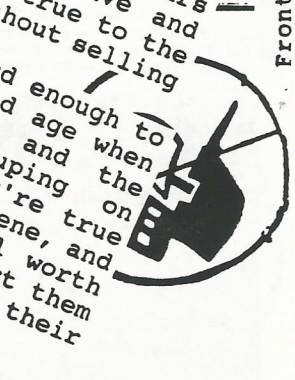
MDC in Chicago by Monkey Boy:

MDC pulled into Chicago to do a show on May 1 at the Czar Bar, in the midst of the whole Rodney King reaction. The show was sparsely attended here, compared to what it could have attracted-the publicity was kind of shitty-but they put on a good show anyway. After all, we're talking one of punk's oldest and continuously active bands, having made their first lp 10 years ago. Dave Dictor and Al Schvitz are the only permanently members, but the new line-up includes guitarist Chris (ex-STIKKY) and bassist Erica. Their new album (still on Radical Records) is called Hey Cop! If I Had a Face Like Yours...At this moment they are on an 80-city tour of Europe, including stops in the former Soviet Union, and due back sometime in August.

TRONDANT SHAMAN opened up for them (DEAD STEELMILL were supposed to show up, but didn't). At around 11:30, MDC finally got on stage. I was allowed to introduce the band, then moments later Dave stormed on stage wearing a dress and make-up and lurched into "Business on Parade." Their set included stuff off of the new album, such as "U.S. War #54", "I Do Not Wish", "Lambada Me", and "Beat Somebody Up." The owner of the Czar Bar was even willing to bend the rules and allow Al's six year old son, Brian, into the club--he was a great addition to the act, and when he wasn't performing he just hung out discreetly behind the band by his dad on the drums. Big Bry contributed vocals to "I'm a Knucklehead" ("Who're we doin' this one for Brian?" "SATAN!"). They ended the set with a fair version of "John Wayne Was a Nazi." An encore set included "Chicken Squawk" with Big Bry contributing vocals on the squawk. After the show, Dave commented that even the most macho of punx dug the dress bit he sported.

I hung out with the band after the show and made friends with Dave and his friend Candace. By noon the next day they were on their way to Detroit to do a show that evening at 404 Willis. I was invited to tag along with them, but I had to work that evening. My lasting impression of the band: here's a group that's been doing it for over 10 years (or at least just Dave and Al) and sticking true to the D.I.Y. spirit without selling out, which is hard enough to do in this day and age when groups like Fear and the Damned are regrouping on major labels. They're true heroes of the punk scene, and they're totally still worth supporting. So support them and buy a copy of their latest album.





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JOIN THE CAMPAIGN TO FREE THESE PUERTO RICAN POLITICAL PRISONERS/POWs

The U.S. government labels me a terrorist because I am willing to engage in armed struggle to free my nation. Yet, if I were a mercenary who fought with the contras in Nicaragua, President Reagan would call me a freedom fighter. Clearly the issue is not how I am fighting, but what I am fighting for and who I am fighting against.
—Alejandrina Torres, 1985
Puerto Rican Prisoner of War

Eighteen Puerto Ricans—6 women and 12 men—are currently in U.S. prisons serving the equivalent of life sentences for fighting to free their country, Puerto Rico, from U.S. colonial domination. Government officials, reflecting the paternalistic culture of the U.S., seemed to feel the women would be easier to break than their male counterparts and thus heaped upon them years of isolation, sensory deprivation, physical abuse and sexual assault. Yet, after almost twelve years of imprisonment, the women (and the men) remain firm in their commitment to see their country independent.

In 1992, which marks the anniversary of 500 years of European colonialism in the Americas, these Puerto Rican women and men political prisoners serve as a living example of the legacy of 500 years of resistance to such colonialism. President Bush supports independence for the Baltics, but not for the U.S.' own colony. He calls for other governments to free their political prisoners, but refuses to recognize that the U.S. has political prisoners. 1992 is an appropiate historical moment to expose these contradictions.

When the Lexington Women's High Security Unit was open, the women's community responded and played a major role in the campaign to close that control unit for women political prisoners. We need you to join us now in the campaign, not just to stop prison abuse, but to make known the prisoners' case and win their release from prison. You can:

- Write to the prisoners
- Invite a speaker to your university, organization, place of worship
- Circulate petitions seeking their release
- Hold a house meeting & show a video about the prisoners
- Introduce resolutions calling for their release in your organizations & conferences
- Contribute financially
- Begin a support committee in your town

For more information, contact the National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War, P.O. Box 476698, Chicago IL 60647 or call 312/278-6706; or the National Committee chapters:

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Did you know:

—The 10 Puerto Rican POW's sentences in 1981 were 19 times higher than the average sentence handed out the same year for any and all federal crimes in the entire country.

—The Puerto Rican POW's average sentence in 1981 was 70.2 years, and that the next highest average sentence given in the U.S. was 41.2 years—in other words, that their average sentence is 28.9 years longer than anyone else sentenced that same year.

—The Puerto Rican POW's sentenced in 1981 have already served two times longer in prison than the longest time served by federal prisoners, and 3 to 4 times longer than the average time served by people convicted of violent crimes in state courts.

—The women's sentences are on the average longer than the men's.

—Their release dates are into the next century, such as in the years 2013, 2014, 2043

—They have been subjected to psycholgical torture and physical and sexual abuse.

Write To Our Puerto Rican Prisoners Of War/Political Prisoners!

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FORECAST

Every Saturday: **Clinic Defense** at American Women's Medical Center, 7am-noon, corner of Western & Diversey. Join us against the anti-choice bigots!

July 18 (Sat): **Collective Chaos Show** with FRICTION, GAUGE, and SUNSPRING (Kentucky). 4-8pm, $4, Too Far West Cafe 2059 W. Chicago.

July 23 (Thur): **Thinking Faction** video showing and collective discussion of social/political ideas, viewing "Housing, Jobs and Greed in Chicago" (about gentrification) and "Squat or Rot!" (about squatting in NY's Lower East Side). 7:30pm at Underdog Records, 2047 W. North Ave. Free, bring food & drink!

July 25 (Sat): **Roachmarket**, a free for all music-literature-jewelry-clothing-tattoo-anything swap/fest/exhibit! 12-6pm at Underdog Records, 2047 W. North Ave.

July 25 (Sat): **Collective Chaos Show** with CAPTAIN JAZZ, BOLLWEEVILS, HORACE PINKER (Arizona), and SCHERZO (California on Lookout!). Other details above.

July 30 (Thur): **Thinking Faction**, showing "Slacker". Other details above.

July 31 (Fri): **Anarchist Community Coffeehouse**, an Autonomous Zone featuring an open stage, vegan potluck, literaure galore, googles of fun, and more! 8pm at 939 W. Belle Plain (a block or two N of Irving Park Rd.).

July 31-Aug.2: **Riot Grrrl Convention** in Washington D.C. 850 N. Edison St., Arlington VA, 22205, (301)935-5463.

August 3 (Mon): **International Day of Action** to stop the destruction of British Columbia's Temperate Rainforests (companies involved: Fletcner Challenge, MacMillan Bloedel, Noranda, and International Forest Products), called by Vancouver Earth First!, box 21521, 1850 Commercial Dr., Vancouver, BC, V5N 4AO Canada, (604)294-0566.

August 7 (Fri): **DAY OF ACTION** to stop Minnesota's Northern State Power from dumping toxic waste on land owned by the Dakota Sioux (on Prairie Island). A regional anarchist contingent at the action has been called for (call 612-871-4277 for info). If you're interested in going from Chicago, send your phone # to WCF, p.o.box 81961, CHILL 60681.

August 8 (Sat): **Collective Chaos Show** with CRANIAL STRUCTURE, F.Y.P. (California), and NAKED AGGRESSION (Wisconsin).

August 11 (Tue): **Chicago's Nameless Anarchist Horde** (or Autonomist Federation, or whatever you wanna call it) potluck and meeting. 6pm, place tba. Will discuss projects such as the food co-op, squat support, and affinity groups.

August 13 (Thur): **Thinking Faction**, showing "Native Son".

August 16-21: **Anti-Republinazi Convention** action in Houston. There will be several days of actions including the creation of Temporary Autonomous Zones! Contact: Rob Los Ricos, 504 W. 24th St., Austin, TX 78705.

August 22 (Sat): **Collective Chaos Show** with ANGERHOUSE, PROPHETS OF RAGE, and PROJECT 22 (solo punk!)

September 8 (Tue): **Chicago's Nameless Anarchist Horde** meets for the month.

September 19 (Sat): **Collective Chaos Show** with FLAIL, MOONMEN, and TRENCHMOUTH.

October 2-4: **Anarchist Picnic** in Bloomington, Indiana. Lots of workshops focusing on practical anarchism, bands, and more! Joseph & Trash O'Brat, p.o.box 3207, Bloomington, IN 47402-3207.

October 10 (Sat): **Anti-Columbus Collective Chaos Show** with DOGFIGHT, JONESTOWN, and ???, activist speakers, and much more!! Probably at Too Far West.

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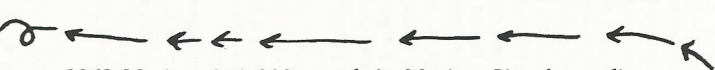

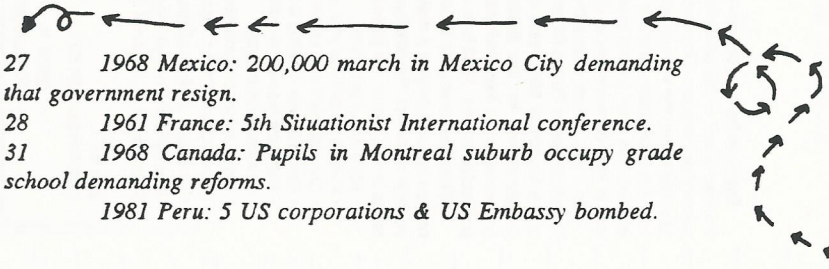

27 1968 Mexico: 200,000 march in Mexico City demanding that government resign.

28 1961 France: 5th Situationist International conference.

31 1968 Canada: Pupils in Montreal suburb occupy grade school demanding reforms.

1981 Peru: 5 US corporations & US Embassy bombed.

BAROMETER

JULY

3 1969 Italy: Rent strike and occupation, Nichelino section of Turin, 1st @ coordination with factory struggle.

4 1981 England: Unprecedented Inter-racial rioting in Liverpool, spreads to London & 10 other cities.

6 1892 USA: Homestead steel mill strike begins.

7 1981 England: Riots break out in Wood Green and Manchester.

1983 Poland: Jarulzelsky declares: "We are not prepared to deal with anarchists and counter-revolutionaries."

12 1967 USA: Ghetto revolt in Newark, NJ. Part of "Long Hot Summer."

13 1381 England: Wat Tyler peasant & poor city folks revolt.

1863 USA: Massive anti-draft riot in New York City.

14 1789 France: Storming of the Bastille, beginning of the French Revolution.

1979 Nicaragua: Anti-Somocista popular revolution successful.

15 1917 USA: Goldman, Berkman and others indicted under new Espionage Act for anti-draft activities: get two years probation.

17 1936 Spain: Beginning of Spanish Civil War.

1945 USA: 1st atomic bomb explodes in Arizona.

18 1928 USA: Pancho Villa ambushed at Parral, N.M.

21 1983 Poland: Martial law lifted - "Anarchy will not return," declares Polish dictator

1983 Mexico: Largest clash of demonstrators and police in 10 years in Mexico City.

22 1877 USA: 1st general strike in country, St. Louis.

23 1967 Detroit riots begin.

1968 Mexico: 3 days of violent student demos.

27 1979 USA: 13 banks in New York are relieved of their burdens in one day.

30 1912 Belgium: General strike begins

1938 Germany: Henry Ford personally receives Germany's highest honor for non-citizen from Hitler.

AUGUST

1 1983 USA: Government resumes production of chemical warfare weapons after 14 suspension.

2 1968 Bolivia: Student demonstrations in Cochabamba.

5 1842 England: "Plug Plot" riots

6 1899 USA: Trial of anarchists.

1945 Japan: US drops first A bomb on Hiroshima.

1970 USA: Yippies invade Disneyland.

7 1968 USA: Rioting in Miami during Republican convention.

9 1945 Japan: US drops 2nd A bomb on Nagasaki.

11 1961 Germany: Berlin Wall completed.

13 1965 USA: Beginning of Watts revolt.

14 1968 S. Africa: Students occupy university in Capetown.

18 1966 China: "Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution" begins, Red Guards summoned by Mao to Peking.

19 1968 India: Student protesters in Akola stone government buildings.

20 1940 Mexico: Leon "Snowball" Trotsky gets (ice-) picked for Heaven.

21 1831 USA: Nat Turner slave rebellion.

22 1939 Germany/USSR: Hitler-Stalin Non-Agression Pact signed in preparation for Germany's September visit to Poland.

23 1927 USA: Sacco and Vanzetti executed by state for anarchist beliefs.

25 1968 USA: Democratic convention in Chicago, battle of Lincoln Park.

ELEMENTS

ACT UP: Tackles AIDS issues on many levels. Meetings every Tuesday 7:00 pm at Uptown National Bank, Suite 1200, 4753 N. Broadway.

Anarchist Youth Federation-Chicago: An international network of autonomous anarchist youth groups dedicated to totally fucking up this system, until it dies a horrible death (and we all live happily ever after). POB 3808, Chicago, IL 60654-0808.

A.W.A.R.E.: Animal rights group. PO Box 1954, Des Plaines, IL 60017. (708)635-1543. News & Events Hotline: (708)297-3596.

Baklava: Anarchist affinity group promoting education & action on a variety of issues, meetings bi-weekly. c/o Wind Chill Factor, POB 81961, Chicago, IL 60681.

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and **Homeless on the Move for Equality**: An advocacy group for the homeless and a group working to acquire housing respectively. CCH, 1325 S. Wabash, Chicago, IL 60605. (312)435-4548.

Chimera: Teaches self-defense courses for womyn. Classes are taught throughout the Chicago area. (312)939-5341

Coalition Against Bashing: A group of individuals & activist organizations taking constructive action against racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia. POB 3713, Merch. Mart Plaza, Chicago, IL 60654, (312)764-5239, Hotline (312)472-2571.

Collective Chaos Productions: Making punk a threat again! A D.I.Y. group promoting all ages shows in Chicago.
c/o Wind Chill Factor, POB 81961, Chicago, IL 60681, (312)489-0175 (# subject to change).

Committee to End the Marion Lockdown: An organization dedicated to abolishing control unit prisons and the associated barbaric ideology. CEML, PO Box 578172, Chicago, IL 60657-8172, (312)235-0070.

Emergency Clinic Defense Coalition: Organizes clinic defense and mobilization in support of womyn's right to choice. ECDC, POB 1634, Evanston, IL 60204, voice mail: (312)845-6838.

Free Puerto Rico Committee: Supporting the Puerto Rican independence struggle and freedom for Puerto Rican political prisoners and p.o.w.'s (312)278-6706.

Hate Crime Reporting: To report attacks based on sex, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or nationality, call 1-800-347-HATE.

Horizons Community Services: Providing gay community services, including counseling and hate crime reporting. 3225 N. Sheffield, Chicago, 60657. (312)472-6469. Gay & Lesbian Helpline: (312)929-4357.

Irish Northern Aid: Dedicated to raising funds for families of Irish Republican political prisoners and to promoting political awareness of the situation in northern Ireland. 1-800-IRELAND, PO Box 30252, Chicago, IL 60634.

Pledge of Resistance: A group committed to opposing U.S. interventions and militarism and their domestic impacts. (312)663-4399. 59 E. Van Buren, #1400, Chicago, IL 60605.

P.O.W. (Pissed Off Wimmin!) A group of angry radical wimmin who want to fuck shit up for patriarchy. Work on creating art & posters, developing theater pieces, investigating fake clinics & doing direct action on queer, reproductive & wimmin's issues. POW, c/o Wind Chill Factor, POB 81961, Chicago, IL 60681.

Queer Nation: A direct action group promoting gay, lesbian, and bisexual visibility and fighting homophobia and oppression. Meets every Monday at 7:30 pm at Ann Sather Restaurant, upstairs, 929 W. Belmont. Q.N., Merch. Mart Plaza, Box 3713, Chicago, IL 60654.

Refuse and Resist: A group dedicated to creating a climate of resistance to beat back the attack of a resurgent Amerikkka and the New World Order. (312)202-7067-Voice Mail.

Revolutionary Group X: An anarchist group supporting the Love & Rage newspaper project. POB 6022, Chicago, IL 60680.

Some Chicago Anarchists: An educational anarchist group. Holds forums and picnics. 1340 W. Irving Park Rd, Box 163, Chicago, IL 60613.

Task Force to Confront Police Violence: Working to expose and confront police brutality and racism and the institutionalized attitudes which support them. PO Box 25501, Chicago, IL 60625, (312)235-0070.

Westown Community Law Office: Cooperatively-run and staffed by womyn. (312)278-6706. 2048 W. Division, Chicago, IL 60622.

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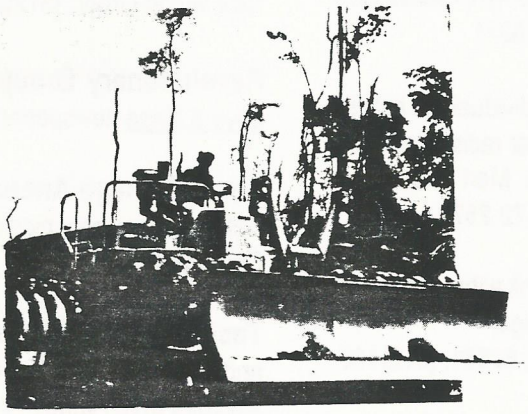

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